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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 2 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	O No. 10 A.M.	O No. 14 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 12 A.M.	No. 14 NOON	E No. 16 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	O No. 16 P.M.	R No. 22 P.M.	No. 24 P.M.	No. 26 P.M.	No. 28 P.M.
Kowloon..Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.08	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	2.25	2.33	2.45	4.30	5.43	7.35
Yaumati..Dep.	6.48	—	—	—	9.25	10.08	12.18	1.23	—	2.41	—	4.38	5.48	7.44
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.38	10.20	12.30	1.35	—	2.53	—	4.50	6.00	7.56
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.53	10.33	12.43	1.48	—	3.08	—	5.04	6.13	8.09
Taipo Market..Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.58	10.37	12.47	1.52	—	3.10	—	5.09	6.17	8.1
Fanling ..Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	—	3.20	—	5.18	6.27	8.23
Sheung-shui ...Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.45	10.15	10.53	1.02	2.07	—	3.25	3.24	5.23	6.32	8.27
Shum-chun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.51	10.21	10.58	1.08	2.13	3.05	3.31	3.30	5.29	6.38	8.33
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	5.48	—	—	—	6.20	—	—	—	—	—

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	O No. 11 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 15 A.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	O No. 25 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	E No. 27 P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	—	8.10	—	—	—	—	—	3.25	—
Shumshun ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.01	10.25	11.27	11.48	3.08	4.39	5.47	6.18	6.40	8.50
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	—	10.42	—	11.55	3.15	4.46	5.54	6.25	—	8.57
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	—	10.47	—	12.00	3.20	4.50	5.58	—	—	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	—	10.57	—	12.11	3.31	5.00	6.08	—	—	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	10.34	11.01	—	12.16	3.28	5.04	6.13	—	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	—	11.14	—	12.30	3.49	5.17	6.26	—	—	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	—	11.28	—	12.43	4.01	5.29	6.38	—	—	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.00	11.32	12.07	12.49	4.07	5.35	6.44	7.00	7.20	7.32

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THE HOLBORN GAS EXPLOSION.

INQUEST ON VICTIM.

"RED AND BLUE HEAT."

A weird scene when the gas explosion wrecked the road in Holborn was described at the inquest on Percy George Thrower, aged forty-one, of Choumertgrove, Peckham, a Post Office workman, who died on Boxing Day in Charing Cross Hospital.

The inquest was adjourned until February 1st.

Mr. William Tapling, of Percy House, Holcombe-road, Tottenham, a french polisher, said that he was working inside a furniture shop in High Holborn when he saw the men remove the lid from the manhole at the side of the road, on the top of which they had put a blower. He saw only two men there.

The men at first stood away from the manhole, and then Thrower, taking a piece of electric lead or piping in his hand, went down the hole. A machine of some kind was standing in the road.

Roaring Noise.

"The man had been down the hole not more than a few seconds, it seemed," said Mr. Tapling, "when I heard a terrible roaring noise. Thrower appeared at the opening, his clothes alight, trying to climb back into the road. He got half way up, his arms over the top, when the terrible roaring finished with a terrific explosion.

"I rushed from the window through which I had been looking, round to the side by the door. When I reached there I saw Thrower in the roadway. He had struggled to his feet and his trousers were alight."

Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the coroner: Did you see any flames?—They did not appear to be flames, but more like a mixture of red and blue heat coming up through the manhole.

Police Constable Leger said that he was near the Winter Garden Theatre shortly before eight o'clock when he heard shouts from the direction of Broad-street. He rushed to Broad-street and saw that the manhole by the West Central District Post Office in High Holborn had blown up. Thrower was there, in pain, being pulled away from the manhold by six men.

"I Saw The Road Rise."

"At the same time there was a terrible rumble in the roadway," added Leger. "I looked towards the Princes Theatre and saw the road rise, fall in again, and then burst into flames."

Leger said that he took Thrower to Charing Cross Hospital, and there asked him what had happened. Thrower replied: "I went down the hole to connect a pipe to the air pump, and before I knew what was the matter I was blown out of the hole again."

Mr. Ingleby Oddie said that the Government had appointed a commission to inquire into the cause of the explosion, and the only wise course for him to adopt in the interests of economy of public time and money was to adjourn his inquiry until the commission had made theirs. If the commissioners would let him have a copy of their findings and conclusions he would decide on the course he would adopt in future.

GAMES AND THE BOY.

MERITS OF "PLOUGHED" PUPILS.

THE MODERN VIEW.

The importance of a boy's record in school athletics and social activities as a set-off to a chance failure in the matriculation examination was acknowledged by educationists in discussing an opinion expressed by Captain J. Mylam Gitins, headmaster of Strode's School, Egham.

Captain Gitins had said regarding one of his boys: "I recognise the tremendous debt of gratitude the school owes to the boy who entered for matriculation and failed to gain it by a hair's breadth. His services to the school as games secretary, football captain, cricket captain, and as house captain almost certainly caused his failure, but he is certainly a better man in consequence of his wonderful work on the athletic side than he would have been with a mere examination success."

Discussing the question further with a Press representative Captain Gitins said:—

"My point is that the boy who just fails to pass an examination is no worse than the boy who only just succeeds—and there is no reason why he should be in the slightest prejudiced in after-life by that 'failure.'"

"In my opinion, the ideal combination in a boy is ability at both work and games, but, failing that, I certainly do not think it a good thing to concentrate on success at examinations at the expense of sports and other school activities which do so much in building up the character."

Qualities Of Leadership.

Mr. E. T. England, Headmaster of Owens School, E.C., expressed the opinion that employers attach too much importance to matriculation as distinct from the school certificate. "Matriculation," he said, "is an examination which ought to be kept primarily for those going up to a University.

"There is no doubt that qualities of leadership are as important—if not more so—as the ability to pass examinations, and an examination in itself gives no scope for testing such qualities. After all, the qualities of leadership, such as are formed at games and other school activities, ought to be of more value to employers than just examination qualifications."

The Secretary of the National Union of Teachers said: "The trouble is that employers and local authorities in certain areas attach more importance to the passing of examinations than to the opinions of headmasters and their staffs about the boys and girls who leave school.

"Undue weight ought not be attached to an examination confined to one day when, perhaps, the youngster may not be up to concert pitch. The boy's school record ought to be taken into account far more than is usually the case."

FRENCH CRUISER SUBMARINE.

LARGEST AND FASTEST IN THE WORLD.

New details are to hand respecting the Surcouf, the mammoth submersible cruiser which will shortly be launched at Cherbourg for the French navy. This vessel is by a considerable margin the heaviest and most powerful submarine in the world.

Her surface displacement is no less than 3,250 tons, and her length nearly 400ft. Her dimensions, therefore, are those of a light cruiser, and she is, indeed, a fast and well-armed cruising ship endowed with the power of submerging for the purpose of attack or concealment. When below the surface she will displace more than 4,000 tons.

Hitherto the largest submarines were the American "V" boats and the British X.1. The new French craft exceeds the American type by 360 tons, and the X.1. by 725 tons. She will also be superior in speed, her Diesel engines being designed to drive her at 22 to 23 knots on the surface. A unique feature of the Surcouf is her complete armour protection. A few submarines now afloat have armoured conning-towers, but this is the first submarine to be armour-plated over all the vital parts which are exposed when the vessel is on the surface. It is claimed that she will be proof against the shells of light quick-firing guns.

Particulars of her armament have not been disclosed, but she is expected to mount several 5.5in. guns in turrets or armoured shields, together with a heavy battery of torpedo tubes. All the latest safety devices are incorporated in the design. The hull is immensely strong and divided up into as many watertight compartments as possible. Escape hatches are fitted in suitable positions. The living quarters for officers and men are the most commodious ever provided in a submarine.

Cost Of £1,600,000.

Thanks to her large fuel capacity, the Surcouf will have a very wide radius of action. She has been built primarily for the defence of the French colonies, but she will also be capable of operating with the battle fleet. Her cost is unofficially stated to be £1,600,000. A second vessel of this class has been authorised, but the formidable cost may delay the building of further submarine cruisers of such great size. The majority of the numerous French submarines now under construction are boats of 1,535 tons, and therefore of practically the same tonnage as the latest British boats.

Robert Surcouf, after whom the first of the giant French submarines has been named, was one of the most daring and successful of the French privateers who harried British shipping in the Napoleonic wars. His greatest exploit was the capture in 1800 of the Kent, an East Indiaman carrying thirty-eight guns and 400 men, Surcouf's own ship being much inferior in every respect.

Diary of Coming Events,

To-day
(January 23rd.)

St. Joseph's College Old Boys Association Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Football:—1st Division: K.O.S.B. *v.* Royal Artillery.

Queen's Theatre: "The Battle of the Sexes."

World Theatre: "A Regular Fellow."

Star Theatre: At 5.15 p.m. "The Circle."

Fred Coyne Musical Comedy Company: "Blue Birds," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Siberia (Aeneas). Outward: Europe *vid* Vancouver and Europe *vid* Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *vid* Marseilles (Aeneas), 2.30 p.m.

Thursday.
(January 24th.)

Annual Sports: Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, I.R.C. ground, 2

Helena May Institute Musicale: French Modern Music, 5.30 p.m.

H.K.V.D.C. Mounted Infantry Company Reunion Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m

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Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Canada (Talthybius), 10.30 a.m.

Friday.
(January 25th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Burns Dinner: Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Battle of the Sexes."

World Theatre: "High School Hero."

Star Theatre: At 5.15 p.m. "Law of the Range."

Fred Coyne Musical Comedy Company: "On the Road," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dance: St. Francis Hotel, 8 p.m.

Saturday.
(January 26th.)

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Menagerie Race.

Cricket:—Division I.: University *v.* Chinese R.C., Kowloon *v.* Royal Artillery (F), Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Civil Service (F). Division II.: Royal Navy *v.* Kowloon, Craigengower *v.* Royal Engineers, Civil Service *v.* Hong Kong (F), H.K. Electric *v.* University (F), Police *v.* Recreio (F).

Football:—Second Division: Small Units *v.* South China "B," South China "A" *v.* Kowloon, Recreio *v.* K.O.S.B., Queen's *v.* Royal Artillery, St. Joseph's *v.* Eastern, R.A.F. *v.* Chinese, Navy *v.* University.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's local market for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follow:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Elephant	$7.15
Red Seal Brewer	6.58
Green Pearl	8.32
Green Pearl Brewer	6.50
Green Seal No. 3	7.63
Red Seal White Glutinous	7.72
Red Seal Glutinous Brewer	6.69
No. 1 Glutinous Broken	6.32
Green Broken Glutinous	6.66
Blue Seal No. 1 Broken Glutinous	6.28
Blue Seal White Brewer	6.81
Blue Seal White Broken	6.11
Blue Seal No. 2 White Broken	5.94
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 18 coarse powdered	$7.30
No. 20 coarse powdered	7.68
No. 24 coarse powdered	7.85
Big coarse powdered	7.70
Miscellaneous.	Per Picul.
Sheung Lotus Seeds	$25.00
Wood Oil	31.45
Red Melon Seed	23.00

CANTON COTTON YARN REPORTS.

Business in cotton yarn on the 21st. instant, in Canton slightly improved and prices advanced by $2 per bale. The market in Shanghai, according to a telegram received that day was very quiet.

Quotations at Monday's Canton market were as follows:—

		Per Bale.
No. 42	Five Sons	$560
	Butterfly	536
	Fui Hee	530
No. 32	Tin Koon	456
	Pine Deer	470
	Cheung Hi	460
No. 20	City of Gold	325
	Globe	318
	Good Harvest	315
	Double Horse	314
	Tin Koon	319
	Double Elephant	319
	Tram Car	306
	Shepherd	302
	Three Stars	305
	Fui Kwai	314
No. 16	Globe	294
	Fui Kwai	292
No. 12	City of Gold	277
	Peacock	277
	Fui Kwai	274
	Tram Car	268
	Aeroplane	276
No. 10	Sailing Vessel	258
	Peacock	255
	City of Gold	253
	Lotus Bee	245
No. 6	Lion	202
	Lion No. 2	198

CANTON MARKET REPORTS

Quotations at Monday's market for rice, sugar and flour were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Seal	$10.65
Dragon White	10.85
Green Lion	9.86
Green Seal	9.54
Red Lion	9.70
Blue Lion	10.05
Three Marks	9.82
New Moon	9.74
Chai Mee	11.50
See Mui	10.50
See Chim	10.25
Green Seal Brewer	6.24
Red Seal Brewer	5.82
Sugar.	Per Picul. Taels.
No. 2 coarse powdered	8.30
No. 3 coarse powdered	7.90
No. 20 coarse powdered	8.00
No. 1 Granulated	11.00
No. 1 Fine Granulated	11.30
Refine White	9.80
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	$4.15
Five Swallows	4.41
Silver Seal	4.10
Tai Kut	4.42
Banana	4.05
Cabbage	4.40
Cannon	4.80
Cheung Luk	4.10
Maize	4.25
Sword of Kwantai	4.20

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, Jan. 21st.

Water Works	$3.90
Electric Power Co.	5.01
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.50
The Sun Company	6.80
Sincere Company	9.60
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	4.30
Canton Tramways	2.60
China Merchant S.S. Nav. Company	6.50
Central Bank	4.60

TENDERS WANTED.

NEW PLANT FOR CANTON WATERWORKS.

In our advertisement columns to-day will be found an announcement by the Commissioner for the Canton Municipal Waterworks, calling for tenders for the supply of pumps, boilers, pipes, valves, meters, and precipitation plant. Tenders must be submitted before February 10th.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

$47,800 PROFIT IN 1928.

The report of the Consulting Committee of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., for 1928, which will be presented at the annual meeting of shareholders on January 31st, states that the profit for the year, including balance brought forward from last account and after setting up Reserve Fund of $45,000.00 amounts to $47,815.81 which the Consulting Committee recommend applying as follows:

To pay a dividend of $1.25 per share on 27,723 shares which will absorb	$34,653.75
To pay a Bonus of 25 cents	6,930.75
Carry Forward to 1929	6,231.31
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CANTON OIL MARKET.

Supplies of groundnut oil sent to Canton from the Colony have not been sufficient for the demand, and prices have advanced. Teaseed oil, which comes from Kwangsi in large quantities, is not meeting with much enquiry. Wood oil and bean oil are scarce but no large transactions have been made lately.

Quotations for oil in Canton on Monday were as follows:—

Grounnut:—	Per Picul. Taels.
New Fang Chi	26.20
Honan Superior Quality	25.70
Kwangsi Superior Quality	25.20
Kwangsi Teaseed	20.30
Kwangsi Wood	29.10
Bean	19.40

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

New York, January 16th.

Market weak.

Business done, 4,181,800 shares.

Stock	Previous Price.	Latest Price
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	275	262
American Can (Com.)	115¼	112¼
American Smelting	97	95¼
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	196¾	198¼
American Tobacco "B"	179¼	177¼
Armour & Co. "A"	17½	17¼
Armour & Co. (Ill.) 7% Pfd.	86	84¾
Anaconda Copper	118¾	116¼
Bank of Montreal	396	396
Barnsdall Corp. "A"	43½	43
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	85¼	83¾
Bethlehem Steel, 7% Pfd.	123	123
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit	75	73
Calumet & Hecla	47½	46¼
Campe Corp.	100	100
Canadian Pacific Railway	242	237¾
Cavanaugh Dobbs	—	32
Chile Copper	75¼	75¾
Chrysler	122	120¾
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	107¾	106¾
Coty Incorporated	73½	74¼
Davison Chemical	63	62¾
Du Pont de N., E.I. (Com.)	497	500
Eastman Kodak	183	181½
Fox Film "A"	96	94¼
General Cigar	68½	68
General Electric Co.	233¼	231¾
General Motors	199	195¼
General Rly. Signal (Com.)	100	96¾
Gold Dust	79	76¾
Granby Consolidated	86	85¼
Haygart	47½	47
Hudson Motor Car	86¾	85¾
International Cement (Com.)	91½	90¼
International Match, Pfd.	99	96¼
International Nickel (Com.)	55	58¼
International Printers Ink.	57½	58¾
Inter. Prod. Corp. (Com.)	13½	13¼
Kelvinator	16	15¾
Kennecott Copper	154¼	151½
Lake Superior Corp.	26¼	26¾
Liggett & Myers, Class "B"	93¾	92
Lorillard Co. (Com.)	27½	26¼
Mack Trucks	105	104¾
Madison Square Garden	21	2¼
Maytag Co.	23½	23¼
Missouri Pacific (Com.)	65¼	64¾
National Dairy Products	129¾	128¼
Nevada Consolidated Copper	41¼	40¾
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.	54¼	53¾
Packard Motor Car (Com.)	143¾	140¼
Pennsylvania Railroad	80½	79¾
Phillips Petroleum	42¾	42
Radio Corporation	360	356
Reynolds Tobacco, "B"	158	158⅞
Shell Union Oil	28¾	28¾
Standard Gas & Elec. (Com.)	85¼	84
Standard Oil of California	69¼	69
Standard Oil of New Jersey	52¼	51¾
Standard Oil of New York	43¼	42¼
Texas Corporation (Com.)	64¼	65¾
Texas Gulf Sulphur	77½	76¾
Timken Roller Bearing	80½	78¾
Trans-American Corp.	131	130¾
Union Carbide	198⅝	198¾
Union Pacific R.R. (Com.)	219	215
U.S. Inter. Security Pfd.	100	100
U.S. States Leather	61½	61
U.S. Realty & Imp. Co.	83½	82
U.S. Rubber (Com.)	54¼	52¾
U.S. Steel	168	165
Vanadium Corp.	103½	103
Westinghouse Elec. (Com.)	141½	138¼
Willys Overland Co.	32¾	32¼
Wright Aeronautical	291	273½

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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Paris	124.10
New York	4.85 31/32
Brussels	34.91
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.09¼
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.52
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192¾
Madrid	29.685
Lisbon	110¾
Athens	375
Bucharest	807½
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 13/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/6¾
Hong Kong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10¼
Silver (spot)	26 3/16
Silver (forward)	26 5/16

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WORLD SUGAR AND COAL CRISIS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO INVESTIGATE.

Geneva, January 14th (U.P.):—An investigation into the present world-wide crisis in the sugar and the coal industries was to be begun when the Permanent Economic Committee of the League of Nations convened here to-day.

The committee will have as a basis for its work preliminary reports which have been prepared by two special commissions composed of some of the best known world experts in each of the industries under consideration.

The coal crisis for the time being is more manifest in England and the continent, but the sugar crisis extends also to Cuba and other continents.

Under instructions from the last league assembly the committee must investigate the situation from the broadest point of view possible including the situation in all countries, the viewpoint of the producers, workers, consumers and in fact of every class of people concerned.

Another even more important item on the agenda of the committee will be that of undertaking a study for stabilizing the purchasing price of gold.

With the gradual world-wide return to the gold standard basis it has been found that even the latter has a certain weakness owing to fluctuations in the purchasing power of gold in different countries and under different conditions.

The committee will undertake to formulate the worldwide measures that should be adopted in all countries in order to eliminate entirely the cause of these variations.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 22ND, 1929.

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Do., C.	£14¾ nom.
P. & O. Banks	£9¼ nom.
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Union Insurances	$370 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 160 buy.
Yangtsze Insurances	M. $50 nom.
China Underwriters	$2.20 buy.
China Fire Insurances	$280 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$785 nom.
Douglases	$38½ nom.
H.K. Steamboats	$27½ sel.
H.K. Tugs	$1.40 nom.
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Do. (Def.)	$90 nom.
Shell Transports	96/- nom. x. rights
Union Waterboats	$24 buy., 24¼ sa.
Benguets	$2.40 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.	70/- buy.
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Do. (single)	Tls. 6 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 2.90 buy.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 3.10 buy.
Raubs	$5½ nom.
Tronoh Mines	17/6 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$132½ buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	$40½ nom.
China Providents	$5 buy., 5.20 sel.
Hongkews	Tls. 164 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5½ nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 106 buy.
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Oriental Cottons	Tls. 2.20 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	Tls. 65½ buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 32 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$9½ sel.
H.K. Lands	$65 buy.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 165 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$14.80 buy., 15.10 sa.
H.K. Realties	$8.35 buy., 8½ sa.
H.K. Tramways	$20½ buy., 20.40 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	$13 sel.
Do. (new)	$6.80 nom.
Star Ferries	$73½ nom.
China Lights	$12 buy., 12½ sel.
H.K. Electrics (old)	$54 buy.
Do. (new)	$52½ buy.
Macao Electrics	$26½ buy.
Sandakan Lights	$5 nom.
Telephones (old)	$7 buy.
Do. (new)	$6.90 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 11½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/6 sa.
Do. (Pref.)	17/6 buy., 13/3 sel.
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Malabon Sugars	$23½ buy.
Canton Ices	$3½ nom.
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Do. (new)	$1½ buy.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$6.90 buy.
Do. (new)	$6.85 buy.
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Dairy Farms	$21½ sel.
Watsons	$13.05 buy., 13.20 sel.
Der A Wings	80 cts. buy.
Lane Crawfords	$3.05 nom.
Mackintoshs	$20 nom.
Sinceres	$9½ buy.
Wm. Powells	$3.65 nom.
H.K. Amusements	$27½ sel.
H.K. Constructions	$1½ nom.
B'que. Indus. G.$Bonds	68% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. sel.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

CHINA'S CAPITAL.

RUMOURS OF RETURN TO PEPING.

For the first time since the capital of Nationalist China was removed to Nanking last June, there is a strong belief among both foreigners and Chinese here (says the United Press correspondent at the Capital) that Peping will again become Peking within six months, and that Nanking will be abandoned as the capital.

When the capital was removed to Nanking, many Chinese believed it could not stay there long. They predicted Peping would be the capital again within a year, but as the months passed, their confidence began to be shaken. Business-men especially were despondent at the prospect of losing their entire retail trade.

Only a month ago it was taken for granted by the great majority of persons in Peping that Nanking would remain the capital, at least for some years, and that Peping probably would never again be the capital, but developments in the meantime have completely altered the general attitude here. Probably the majority, both Chinese and foreign, is now prepared to wager that Peping will be the site of the Nationalist capital before 1929 has ended.

"Saving Face."

The discussions which have begun in Nanking regarding moving the capital to Sianfu or Kaifeng, the provincial capital of Honan, are regarded as very significant. Before the capital can be returned to Peping, the leaders at Nanking must "save face," and these preliminary discussions are taken to be a preparation for moving to Peping. It is not believed in Peping that there is any serious intention of removing the capital to Kaifeng or Sianfu. The latter place, although it was the first capital of China, is even less suited than Nanking to be the capital. It is entirely inaccessible, the capital of a province which does not possess a single mile of railway.

Two months ago, the Legations appeared to be convinced that Nanking was a more or less permanent capital. While the Legations took no steps to move southward, there was some talk of making surveys in Nanking, with a view to selecting a suitable site for a Legation. But in the two months intervening all such talk has ended. The Ministers who have travelled in a steady procession to Nanking appear to have returned with the common conviction that the capital will be back in the north before the year is out.

Nanking A Shrine, Not A Capital.

The Legations are informed that all construction work in Nanking has stopped, even that upon the Sun Yat Sen memorial road. It is believed that this road will eventually be completed, and that Sun Yat Sen's memorial shrine will remain where it is now being built, in the hills outside Nanking. But Nanking, it is believed, will become a shrine, not a capital.

It is true that Peping residents' opinions on this question must be somewhat discounted. The Legations and the Chinese as well are equally anxious to have the capital back in Peping. The diplomats could not be as comfortable in Nanking for a generation as they are now. The Chinese in Peping have their property and their interests there—and naturally want the capital back. Even the Nationalists, so far as their own pleasure and comfort is concerned, greatly prefer the capital being in Peping.

But admitting all these prejudices, it must be admitted that there has been a change of attitude among Peping residents in the past two months. Whatever they might hope, both foreigners and Chinese admitted they could tell nothing about the final location of the capital, two months ago. But to-day many well-informed men, foreign and Chinese, are willing to put themselves on record—they will even wager that 1929 will see the capital back in Peping.

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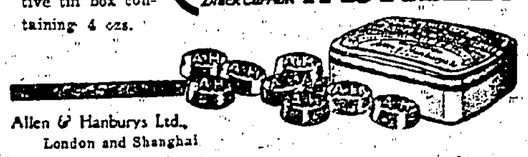

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THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

YOUR HOME AND MINE.

SAVOURY POTATOES.

This is not a savoury, but a savoury way of doing potatoes. Cut enough raw potato to fill two breakfastcups. Then melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a pan, and put in a breakfastcupful of minced raw carrot and half that amount of chopped Spanish onion, keeping them there for about five minutes, but not allowing them to brown. Then mix in the potato, a teaspoonful of salt and half that amount of grey pepper. Add just enough boiling stock to cover; put the lid on and simmer for half-an-hour, making sure that it does not get dry. Then put the lot into a shallow fireproofer, sprinkle it thickly with baked breakcrumbs, and several drops of tamoto ketchun, and bake until almost all the stock has vanished. Some people also sprinkle it with stale grated Parmesan.

GOODLY COD.

Boil three pounds of cod, then bone and skin. In a big pan melt two tablespoonfuls of butter, a teaspoonful of finely-chopped onion, three anchovy fillets, minced finely, a trifle of grated nutmeg, and three tablespoonfuls of very fine baked breadcrumbs. Mix these carefully, and then add gradually, as you stir, breakfastcupful of white stock (fishy for choice) and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Stir again. Then add the broken up fish.

FILBERTIES.

Too little use is made of nuts in cookery. Here is a way to make delicious Filberties. Blanch a quarter of a pound of the kernels, and then put them in a pan and shake them over a gentle heat till they begin to colour. Let them get cold, and pound them with the beaten white of an egg; then mix with six tablespoonfuls of soft sugar, four well-beaten eggs and a trifle of salt. When the mixing has been as thorough as you can make it, work in three tablespoonfuls of hot melted butter. Have ready enough little baked cups of crisp pastry, and fill these with the mixture; pepper the tops with soft sugar and bake in a modern oven.

A NICE RICE PUDDING.

Here is an unusual and unusually nice rice pudding. Carefully pick a quarter-of-a-pound of rice and soak it in cold water until it is soft. Meanwhile, soak two ounces of desiccated coconut in a breakfastcupful of boiling water, keeping it covered, for at least an hour. Then strain, keeping the liquor only, in which boil the rice and until it is quite tender, mixing in three tablespoonfuls of soft sugar. A few grains of aniseed are a good addition. Put the pudding into a well-buttered pie-dish and bake for twenty minutes.

TWO PIECE TEA FROCK.

A two-piece frock is the latest idea for tea dances. That illustrated has a sleeveless chiffon frock cut on simple lines and a sleeved coat of georgette with a deep fur hem.

NEW FEATURES IN WRAP-COATS.

TWO PARIS MODELS.

The long, wide sleeves are interesting features of the coat of black faille lined with the same material. On the right is sketched another new model materialised in steel-grey rep trimmed with dull silver braid. The mediæval sleeves have cuffs that cover the hands, and a scarf is arranged to give a quaint cape effect at the back.

BEAUTY.

A HOME MANICURE.

Let's take a half hour off and have a really good manicure.

Have you your bowl of warm water and soapsuds? Your orange stick? Your brush and file? Your cotton and cream and manicure scissors? And your polish? For there is no earthly use in trying to make your nails look well if you don't have the proper tools.

First bathe the hands thoroughly, giving the nails an extra hard scrubbing with your brush and then soak the fingers of the right hand in the bowl of warm water for a few moments to loosen any dirt and soften the cuticle. Dry carefully and push back the cuticle with the towel. If there are any ragged edges snip them off with your scissors, but otherwise content yourself with freeing the cuticle from the nail with the orange stick, wrapped in cotton and dipped in the water.

Then, with a long, flexible steel file shape the nails to suit your taste. Smooth them off with an emery board and then wash the fingers again. After drying them, clean under the nail with the orange stick, wrapped in a clean piece of cotton and dipped in peroxide to bleach any stains or discolorations.

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Now soak the left hand—and begin all over again.

When the nails are clean, the cuticle pushed back and freed from the nails, and the nails shaped it is time to use your polish, be it liquid or otherwise. If you use the liquid, remember to apply it lightly and only to the pink part of the nail, leaving the moon and the tip untouched.

FLORAL BRIDGE PENCILS.

A set of bridge pencils covered in gold thread, with a dainty posy of violets, primroses, or other small flowers at the top, makes a useful gift for the hostess. The pencils are quite small, but the posy at the end makes them difficult to lose, and they look well on the black velvet cloth which many women prefer to the more usual red or green baize.

NECKLACE BELT.

A belt which can also be worn as a necklace is the latest novelty. The chain is made from strips of silver mesh joined together with flat jade plaques, and finished with silver mesh tassels. The trinket is equally effective when worn twisted round the neck or as an ornament to a jumper suit.

These Children Of Ours.

CURING THE SHY CHILD.

[By A MOTHER.]

Shy children cannot be cured of their shyness by forcing them. It will only make them worse. To make fun of a diffident child or to scold him or punish him for being unsociable is as useless as trying to make a century plant bloom before it is ready.

Shy children are usually more unhappy than their parents are about their failure to mix with other people. They know they are different, and long cruelly to be able to overcome their terrible shrinking and to be like other children.

There never lived a shy child who did not gaze with envy at all the merry groups around him—noisy, happy, normal youngsters—and wish that he could be like them.

He is greatly to be pitied and needs all the help he can get.

Sometimes children are not shy, but become so by wrong handling. One of the chief sources of this acquired shyness is the proneness of proud mothers and fathers to have cute or smart children show off before company or strangers. It is wrong.

The quickest way to breed shyness in a child is to make him self-conscious. And nothing will make him self-conscious more quickly than this show-off business.

It is usually only a matter of time until the child will balk at the publicity. If his parents are wise they will let him alone, but if they keep forcing him into the limelight the results are usually unfortunate.

Whether children are naturally shy or whether they have acquired shyness does not matter. Both require the same type of handling if the trouble is to overcome.

The first thing to be done is to set about trying to have the child forget himself. In order to do this, parents and other members of the family must pretend not to notice him—not to the point of having him feel neglected or left out, but enough to have him feel that he is not under observation at all times.

Patience And Kindness.

His part in things should be casual. Talk to him, but do not concentrate too much on his answers. Do not concentrate, seemingly, on anything he does, no matter how closely you may really be observing him. After a while he will get over the feeling that he is different. He will take himself more for granted.

When this stage is reached the battle is half won. A mother can ask another child in to play, and later two or three. But it takes time to work a child out of this social inhibition.

Never let a backward child hear you say he is shy. The more his eyes are turned away from himself the better. But the keynote of the entire matter must be kindness.

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Classes for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, January 22nd and 29th, at 6 p.m.

Recruits.

In future, all new recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will be put through the preliminary course in Squad Drill by their respective Lance-Sergeants before being handed over to Sergt. P. Condon for further instruction. The respective Lance-Sergeants will make their own arrangements as to time and place.

Chinese Company.

TRAINING.

Constable R96 Edwin Howqua has passed his examination in Part II. of Training Course (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations).

SIGNALLING.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. and Friday, January 25th, at 6 p.m.

"FIRST AID TO THE INJURED."

Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Annual Examination of all those members of the Chinese Company who have previously passed in Part II. will commence at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, January 24th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp and will continue once every week until all have been re-examined; Examiner: Chief Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Indian Company.

PARADE.

Members of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 5.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.

STRENGTH.

Constable R310 Wong Po Man has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad as from January 18th.

SPECIAL NIGHT PATROLS.

Members of the Hong Kong Section will parade at Central Police Station on Tuesday, January 22nd; and on Sunday, January 27th, for special night patrols. Fall in at 8 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 22nd. Fall in at the Tsimtsatsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, January 24th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

STRENGTH.

Constable R436 R. A. Starling has been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters' Company as from January 17th.

"DEFENDU" CLASS.

This will be held on Monday, January 28th, at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Members will find this instruction most useful and interesting.

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His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), the Chief Scout of Hong Kong, speaking at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association yesterday in the Cathedral Hall stressed the need for more officers. "Our greatest need at the moment," he said, "is a supply of adequately trained officers for every branch." The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the President of the Association, also pleaded the same cause. "Young men," he said, "who are fond of open air life and have learned the lessons of discipline and leadership . . . . can bring great happiness to our youth and, incidentally, to themselves, by becoming scoutmasters."

Mention was also made by His Excellency and Dr. Kotewall of the excellent work done by members of the Committee. The Chief Scout also referred to his own meeting at Home with Sir Robert Baden Powell who has sent a personal message of congratulation to the Hong Kong Association.

The Working Account read by the Assistant Commissioner and Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. H. Blason) showed a satisfactory balance in hand of $2,402.97 thanks to the very handsome sum of $3,500 raised by an entertainment given in a Chinese theatre. A building fund of $6,394.75 has been set aside to be used for a permanent camp and is at present accumulating interest. The full balance sheet will be published in the "Silver Wolf."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor in addressing the meeting said that he had had the advantage, which they have not yet had, of reading the report of last year's working of the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association. "I am, therefore," Sir Cecil continued, "able to congratulate the Council and its Executive Committee on very good work done during 1928. The Boy Scouts now form an important element in the educational system of this Colony, and their influence is likely to increase year by year. It is, therefore, essential that we should proceed upon sound lines, and our greatest need at the moment is to obtain adequately trained officers for every branch. The training of officers in England is often undertaken in the large public schools, where boys in the highest classes are encouraged to go through a special course, in order to fit themselves to become Scoutmasters. I saw this work being done at Marlborough College and was impressed by the results which may be expected from it. Perhaps something of this kind could be started in Hong Kong. While in England, I also had the opportunity of meeting the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, who takes a very keen interest in the work done by the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, and who, I am sure, would wish me to give you his greetings on this occasion.

"We are about to lose two gentlemen, who have done a great deal for Scouting in Hong Kong. Mr. Blason, as Assistant Commissioner, has been an enthusiastic worker, and has earned from our Boy Scouts the *soubriquet* of 'King of Shek-O.' H.E. General Luard has also taken a very keen interest in the Scout movement in Hong Kong, and both he and Mrs. Luard have repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarter House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement."

REPORT FOR 1928.

The Secretary Mr. A. S. Mitchell read the annual report as follows:

This report should by rights deal only with the period October 1st, 1927-September 30th, 1928, but it has been found advisable to cover the whole of 1928 as well as the end of 1927, since for various reasons many Scout events which should have taken place before the end of September last, had to be postponed till November. It therefore seemed worthwhile to bring the report right up to date.

A Memorable Day.

The December 1st, 1927, was a memorable day for this Local Branch of the Boy Scouts Association, for then was passed the Boy Scouts Association Ordinance 1927, which affords us the privileges of Protection and Incorporation locally. There is no need to deal with this Ordinance here further than to express our very deep gratitude to Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Joseph Kemp for the interest and sympathetic support they showed in carrying the Bill through the Councils. (Applause).

A New System.

The New Year ushered in a new system of Unit Registration. From the beginning of the Scout Movement, Scout Troops which latterly included Rover Scout Patrols as well were registered separately from the Wolf Cub Packs, though in theory the Cub Pack was intended to "feed" the Scout Troop with recruits, which in turn sent up Scouts when old enough into the Rover Patrols, each being in reality connected as one. There were officers in charge of each section, and though where possible Advisory Troop Committees were formed, difficulties often arose over the question of supreme command of the two-fold section. Under the new system the unit is termed a "Group," with a Group Scoutmaster at the head, who may be also in charge of one of the three sections or even a fourth person. A complete Group consists of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, Pack, Troop and Crew, but a Group may also consist of any one of the sections or any two, the hope being that in time and where advisable the missing sections or section will later come into being. The Old Troop Committee under this system remains the same with the same functions, but is styled the Group Committee. At present there is here only one complete Group, but it seems likely that in the near future others will attain completion, the lack of suitable officers for the missing sections being the main cause of delay. In all at the present time we have 27 ordinary Groups and one Sea Group, as compared with 22 Groups and one Sea Group at the beginning of the year. It will be necessary to make a report on the different Sections or Branches in order to show the progress made.

Wolf Cubs.

The Wolf Cub Packs, the junior section, have been fortunate in acquiring Mr. W. H. Smith as District Cubmaster. He came to us with a record of long experience and faithful service in England, and immediately accepted our invitation to take in hand the development of the Cub Branch in this Association. His efforts have resulted in marked growth in the right direction, and if only we could get enough helpers the boundless chances offering would be eagerly seized. We may say here that ladies make excellent Cubmasters. We pay warm tribute to the self-denial and hard work of those Cubmasters of both sexes who are already carrying on this very important section of Scout activity. (Applause).

Three New Scout Troops.

The Boy Scout Troops, including the Sea Scouts, have increased from 22 to 24, but of the original 22 one was practically moribund, and ceased to exist early in the year, so that the gain is three new Troops. Again the growth would have been far greater had we been able to supply the urgent demand for suitable Scoutmasters. Those we have are working short-handed and taking everything into consideration are doing wonders. Unfortunately several found the time required more than they were able to spare and had to resign, but we are none the less appreciative of the splendid work they have all put in. Mr. White, our District Scoutmaster, has found himself handicapped in the same way, but we hope in the near future to be able to give him the extra help he so urgently needs. We should be sorry to lose the valuable services of one who has been so closely connected with Hong Kong Scouting for so many years.

Rovers.

The Rover Scouts Crews have unfortunately progressed least of the three sections. Again the cause has largely been lack of Rover Leaders. This Branch of Scouting is probably the most difficult to run, and so far its special aims and methods have hardly been grasped sufficiently well for us to expect great advance. However our old friend Mr. Champkin has nobly undertaken the oversight of this section during his all-too-short sojourn in the Colony, and we look for tremendous strides forward in the near future. (Applause). There were two fine patrols of Rover Scouts formed from men in the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla who left perforce when that Flotilla was recalled, but we are glad to say that many of them, with Mr. Blason in charge, will probably represent Hong Kong at the Imperial Jamboree in England next August.

Taking the growth of the Movement locally, it has been most vigorous on the other side of the Harbour, and there is a large field yet to be covered in that direction. We note that Schools are coming more and more to realise the value of Scouting as a real help to character training. The new Scout Troops are all Chinese.

Camps.

It has been most gratifying to find that the Camping Habit is becoming stronger and stronger, and such camps as we have been able to visit have shown marked improvement in lay-out, cleanliness and efficiency. Scouting is essentially of the open air, and in camp Scout Training has its greatest possibilities. There has also been far more "hike-camping," two or three boys together, for one or two nights, than in previous years.

Badge Work.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many instructors and examiners who have helped us so splendidly with the badge work. Our Badge Secretary, Scoutmaster Y. Fenton, has found the necessary arranging of instruction and examination a great tax on his time, and we offer him our sincere thanks. The boys have taken full advantage of the chances given.

There were two inspections held during the year by His Excellency the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, whose never-failing interest and assistance has afforded us great encouragement. One was held in January when the Prince of Wales Banner was presented to the 1st Sea Scouts, the winning Troop for 1927, and the other in May, when the "Silver Wolf" was presented to the Commissioner by His Excellency at the request of the Chief Scout of the World, Sir R. S. Baden Powell. On both occasions the boys presented a smart and efficient appearance.

Banner Competition Rallies.

The usual Banner Competition Rallies took place in the grounds of Headquarter House in the Spring and Autumn. We feel we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to His Excellency Major General and Mrs. Luard for all they have done for us. The Thanks Badges presented to them at the Autumn Rally were but very small tokens of our genuine appreciation of their great kindness and our affection for them personally, and we earnestly wish them "God speed" when they leave Hong Kong. (Applause). The Prince of Wales Banner has been again won by the 1st Sea Scouts for work done in 1928. We sincerely hope that this year will see some other Troop coming in first, for it is not good for one troop always to be winning, either for itself or for the other Troops.

Swimming Sports.

The Swimming Sports were held in October. Our sincere thanks are again due to all who helped our officers and also to the V.R.C. committee for the use of the Club Swimming Pool.

Local Headquarters Staff.

The local Headquarters Staff has been very fortunate in obtaining two very efficient secretaries. First of all Mr. J. A. Worswick, and, then when he was moved to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. A. S. Mitchell took over the onerous duties connected with that post. Mr. Mitchell had much experience in the same work in Calcutta, and we warmly congratulate ourselves on acquiring him. (Applause). The difference which both these gentlemen have made in the office side of the working has been most marked and very valuable. Scoutmaster Ip Choi Hing, in charge of Headquarters, was appointed Assistant-Secretary, a post which he has filled most ably.

Mr. W. K. Tait on the appointment of Mr. C. H. Blason as Assistant Commissioner kindly accepted the post of Assistant Treasurer, thus setting Mr. Blason more at liberty for his additional duties. Mr. Tait's part in the running of the Association is a very important one, which he had needless to say filled with great advantage to Scouting in Hong Kong.

"The King Of Shek O."

Mr. Blason, who is about to leave us, has from the very first day on which he joined this Association thrown himself wholeheartedly into every branch of our activities. Even when on home leave he took a course at the Wembley Jamboree in 1924. His bungalow and garden at Shek O have been a boon and a blessing to Scouts and Scouters alike, and we can hardly think of camping there in future without seeing "The King of Shek O," as a Scout entitled him in a Journey Report, keeping careful watch over the invaders of his Realm. The arduous duties of Editor of the "Silver Wolf" fell upon his capable shoulders, and his experience as a skilled photographer has been responsible for many of the really artistic pictures which have been published in that little periodical, while many articles from his pen, fact, fiction, poetry, amusing, instructive and even musical, have done must to make its pages bright and interesting. His departure will, we fear, leave a very big gap in our ranks. (Applause).

Other friends who have left or are about to leave are Sir Eric Stuart Taylor who as examiner in many subjects of a health nature gave us much of his time, Commodore Pearson who served on the Executive Committee, and Mr. T. G. Weall about to go on home leave who was also on the Executive Committee, and to all of whom in common with those already mentioned we render this feeble expression of our sincere gratitude.

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Finance.

The Financial Side of the Movement needs here but brief mention, but we deeply appreciate the making of a per capitation grant from Government Funds, also the raising of the magnificent sum of $4,000 by three friends at the request of our zealous and hard working President, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, (applause) to whose ever ready advice and assistance we owe so much. Much hard work on our behalf has been put in by the members of the Council under his Chairmanship and to them all we express our sincere thanks.

Office And Shop.

Local Headquarter Office and Shop have fully proved their value. Scoutmaster Ip Choi Hing is in charge, and is making the shop fill a real need. We have abundant evidence of the many ways in which he is working for the success and welfare of the Movement, and his appointment has turned out to be a very happy one for the Association. (Applause.)

Changes In Bye-Laws.

We were hoping to be able to present to the Association a fully approved Re-Draft of the local By-Laws, but unfortunately the Powers-that-be at Imperial Headquarters have suggested more changes than we can make in a short time, and we consider it wise to wait till Mr. Blason has been able to see them personally and to discuss our local conditions with them.

Training Camp.

The Training Camp is still a vision of the future, but every day we are finding out that lectures and printed articles can never have the same satisfactory results as those obtained by practical training, and we still live in hopes that that which has for so long and so prominently figured in our plans will eventually be accomplished.

Girl Guides.

Our relationship with our Sister Organisation, the Girl Guides, is growing ever closer. We have much in common, our aims are the same, and we are convinced that we can together bring to pass much that is for the good of both, and consequently for the Colony. We were delighted to see Mrs. Remington's hard work for the Guides suitably recognised and rewarded.

Our immediate needs are Officers for every branch, a more sure income, and a literary genius to take over the Editorship of the Silver Wolf. We have every reason to look forward to even more prosperous growth and success in the future.

DR. KOTEWALL'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, President of the association, said:—First of all I should like to express the great pleasure we feel in having back with us and present at this meeting His Excellency the Chief Scout whose unflagging interest in our work has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to us.

Most Satisfactory Report.

This is the third occasion on which, as President, I have been fortunate enough to be present at the annual meeting of the Association; and never before have I listened to the annual report with greater satisfaction than to-day. For the gratifying result shown, all the credit must go to our hard-working Commissioner the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and to his devoted fellow-workers. As this is the first meeting of the Association since the award of the much-coveted Silver Wolf was made to Mr. Waldegrave, I believe that you would like me to extend to him the hearty congratulations of the whole Association on this well-deserved honour.

Special And Useful Services.

I would like to associate myself with what His Excellency said of the excellent and valuable work done by Major-General and Mrs. Luard for the Association.

I am glad that fitting tribute has been paid to our Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Blason, who is soon to leave us. It is now nearly seven years since Mr. Blason joined the Hong Kong Branch; and no one, except our Commissioner, has made a greater contribution to its success. (Applause.) In spite of the already onerous duties assigned to him, he has always contrived to find time to help in all the activities of the Association, and with that quiet efficiency which we have learned to expect of him. He takes a keen personal interest in the boys who love him as they respect him. Though he is not coming back, his connection with us will, fortunately, be preserved for a little while longer, for he will represent us in the next Imperial Jamboree. On your behalf I thank him most warmly for his splendid services, and wish him a very happy and long life in retirement. (Applause.)

As mention has already been made in the report of others who have rendered us special and useful services, I will content myself with endorsing its words, and with thanking all who have assisted us during the year. (Applause.)

Generous Government Grant.

I would now say a few words concerning our finances. We still need money for those objects which the report has specified, and I hope that our friends who approve of the work we are doing, will come to our aid. At the last annual meeting I said that application was being made to the Government for an annual grant to enable us to meet our steadily increasing expenditure, and particularly to provide uniform and equipment to the poorer boys who would otherwise be unable to become Boy Scouts. You will be glad to hear that the Government have generously approved of an annual capitation grant to us, and we are most grateful for this further evidence of their tangible support and sympathy. (Applause.)

Quality Rather Than Quantity.

You have heard from the report just read that the number of Troops has increased from 22 to 24, which shows steady progress. More Troops could have been formed but for two circumstances. In the first place, we aim at quality rather than quantity, and we will not form a Troop unless we know that it has every prospect of a long and successful life. In the second place, while there are plenty recruits, we are short of officers, which is really the factor that limits our growth. I therefore strongly support the Commissioner's appeal for more officers. Young men who are keen to help others, who are fond of open-air life, and who have learned the lessons of discipline and leadership in their own schools or universities, can bring great happiness to our youth, and incidentally to themselves, by becoming cubmasters, scoutmasters or Rover leaders, according to their own preference. It is stated in the annual report that women make excellent cubmasters. I desire to thank those ladies who have filled the gaps in the ranks of the cubmasters with such success. While I do not wish to poach on the preserves of the Girl Guides, it occurs to me that here is an opportunity for the ladies to assist us to meet our need for officers by releasing cubmasters of the sterner sex to take charge of Troops of older boys. I hope that some of our lady friends will come forward to help us in this way.

Politics No Place In Scouting.

There is no need for me to repeat what has been said so often as to the objects and merits of the Boy Scouts Movement. But I should like to sound a note of warning to the boys, and even to those in immediate charge of them. There is always a danger that attempts will be made to introduce politics into a great movement like ours. A politician is often looking for means to bring about ends which may be admirable in themselves, but destructive to the organisation he seeks to capture and use for his own purpose. Scouting must never be used as a means to ends other than its own. Politics have their place, but that place is not in the Boy Scouts Movement which must ever remain non-political, non-military and international, if it is to survive. (Applause.) I would earnestly entreat the scoutmasters to impress this upon their boys, and to inculcate in them the true Scout spirit which is Fellowship and Service to all, irrespective of creed or race.

I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

The adoption of report and accounts was seconded by Mr. M. C. Champkin, District Rover Leader, and passed unanimously.

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CANTON 'BUSMEN'S CUMSHAW.

ON STRIKE FOR MONTH'S WAGES.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES.

SERVICE MAINTAINED AT CRAWLING SPEED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, January 22nd.

Owing to the refusal of their employers to grant an extra month's wages this month, the Canton 'bus drivers are contemplating a general strike. Trouble arose last Thursday when the drivers were told that under no condition could their demands be met. The proprietors of the 'bus companies explained that this was due to business depression and competition among the many companies which have been started of late. Formerly there were only two 'bus companies in Canton, but there are now over a dozen and the Municipality is operating several lines in competition with the private enterprises.

On top of this each private company has to pay a daily tax of from $20 to $25, the extra amount depending upon the original agreement with the authorities. Formerly between $7 and $13 per day had to be paid. Then, all members of the Mechanics Union and all military officers get their rides free. Furthermore each 'bus can carry only so many passengers and a $5 fine is imposed on each 'bus for each person in excess of the proper number.

SLOW MARCH.

But to all these explanations the 'bus drivers turned a deaf ear. The proprietors finally agreed to pay ten days' extra wages but the drivers refused the offer and agreed to strike on Friday morning.

The matter was then brought to the notice of the Municipal Bureau of Public Utilities which at once forbade the strike. The drivers went back to work after several hours of idleness but proclaimed their grievance by driving the 'buses at about 4 or 5 miles an hour, which is causing great inconvenience to traffic. Moreover, they refuse to move when a 'bus is full of passengers but wait until 5 or 6 cars are also packed. Then they slowly move out in a train. The busmen are not popular in Canton but claim that they are "bringing pressure to bear upon both Government and proprietors."

The Canton 'Bus Companies say that these rather childish tactics have cut down their business by one-half. Formerly each 'bus was making twenty trips a day, but now it is only making ten. The proprietors are again seeking Government aid to force the drivers to behave. Unless this is done, they point out, the revenue of the Government as well as of the Companies will be affected, and traffic will be held up.

FUTILE CONFERENCE.

The Municipal Bureau called another meeting yesterday of the proprietors and Union representatives. But neither side would yield an inch. Finally, however, the drivers modified their original demand and said that those who had been in the service for more than one year should receive an extra month's pay, while those whose service was less than one year but more than six months should receive an extra half month's pay, and those whose service is less than six months should receive only an extra two and a half day's pay. But this proposal was rejected by the proprietors. There the matter remains and the public has to suffer.

COLOUR OF KWANGTUNG SHIPS.

BLACK AND GREY BANNED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 22nd.

The Kwangtung Navigation Association passed a resolution at its last meeting proscribing the use of *black and grey for all river steamers* in the province. With the exception of these two, all other colours may be employed. Vessels now sporting either of these two colours must be repainted. The ban on the black colour is that this is the conventional colour for pirate ships! Although piracy is of rare occurrence nowadays, it is wise, according to the Kwangtung Navigation Association, not to use black paint!

The ban on grey is because all Chinese warships are painted this colour for camouflage purposes. But there is absolutely no reason why merchant vessels should adopt this colour which has now been looked upon as unlucky and portentous.

CANTON GOES TO "THE PICTURES."

DECLINE OF NATIVE DRAMA.

BIG LOSSES OF THEATRICAL COMPANIES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, January 22nd.

Nearly all theatrical companies in Canton, Hong Kong, Macao, Fatshan and other centres in Kwangtung lost money last year. Their business has greatly declined and the drama is losing its hold on the people. The only company which made any money last year was the famous Kwan Tin Lok Opera Company, which cleared a net profit of $20,000. The Tai Law Tin Opera Company just cleared expenses and had an insignificant credit balance. All the rest sustained heavy losses. The Yan Shau Nin Opera Company lost $80,000; the Ko Shing Lok Opera Company, $60,000; the Sun King Cheung Opera Company, $20,000; and the Sun Chung Wah Opera Company, $20,000. All these opera companies are well-known in Canton and Hong Kong.

Modern Films And Old Plays.

The reasons for the general depression are numerous. In the first place the cost of tickets ranging from about three dollars plus 11 per cent. Government tax, downwards is more than the average person could afford; secondly, no new features are introduced and the plays are to people now-a-days old, trite, and out of date. No effort has been made to bring about a renaissance or an improvement in the native opera. Many critics are of the opinion that the Chinese drama is capable of being greatly improved and capturing its lost prestige. Finally, the "movies," with all their fascination and reality, are rapidly taking the place of the native play. Cinemas have become the rage in Canton—and may be seen for 30 cents or less. With the advent of the "movies" came the big decline of the native opera. People, especially the younger ones, prefer the "movies." True lovers of the native theatre say that unless great improvements are made, all the companies will go into bankruptcy. The native drama cannot compete against motion pictures. This is proved by number of cinema houses that have been and are being built in Canton. Two or three years ago there were hardly any cinema houses, but now there are about 15, all doing good business, until the electric supply went wrong. In addition three more new ones are being built. On the other hand there were formerly six opera houses in Canton, but now there are only two. The other four have found the "movie" business more profitable and have become cinema houses.

No Scope In Provinces.

Another reason for the losses has been piracy and brigandage, which has restricted them to large cities. Formerly a great number of companies depended upon the rural population in the interior of Kwangtung. But in recent years, only a few companies have risked going to the villages.

According to the Kwangtung Labour Unions Federation, the number of unemployed actors and musicians at the present time is over 900.

TRAMWAY SCRIP CASE.

PORTUGUESE CHARGED AT MAGISTRACY.

THIRD MAN TO BE ARRESTED.

R. M. Gutierrez, a middle aged man, appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of aiding and abetting in the uttering of a document purporting to be scrip for 500 shares of the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.

When the two Chinese who were arrested at an earlier date were charged before the Magistrate on Monday, one of them stated that the document was handed to him by a man of Portuguese nationality. The charges against these men will be opened this afternoon.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., who appeared for Gutierrez, entered a plea of not guilty. He stated that he *understood that the police required* a week's remand and bail of $2,000.

A remand for one week was granted, and bail of $2,000 was allowed.

Mr. T. Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Police, was in charge of the case.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HOSTEL.

The Hon. Joint Treasurers of the Organising Committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donation:—

Mrs. J. M. Alves . . . $1,000.

as a subscription for the cost of one bed-room study in the proposed Hostel.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

HOW CASES CAN BE NURSED AT HOME.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

Arising out of questions put by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, a recent statement made by Dr. G. W. Pope at the Central Magistracy to the effect that cases of small-pox could be nursed at home was confirmed.

It will be remembered that Dr. Pope made this statement when he prosecuted a Chinese for failing to notify that his child had small-pox, and in confirming it, the President of the Sanitary Board said that in the event of a case being allowed to be nursed at home, the Medical Officer of Health always applied Section 16 of the Ordinance of 1923, which compels all unvaccinated persons in the immediate neighbourhood to be at once vaccinated, under pain of being detained in quarantine.

Some interesting figures were given showing the course of the epidemic. There were 38 cases in October, of which 17 were dumped. The figures went up to 177 cases in November, of which 70 were dumped and seven concealed. The worst stage was in December, when the figures went up to 592, of which no fewer than 249 were dumped.

Before asking the questions standing in his name, Dr. Koch said that he regretted that Dr. Pope was not present, because it was the latter's remarks that he had asked for.

Mr. G. R. Sayer (President) said that he had been authorised by Dr. Pope to answer the questions:—

Dr. Koch's Questions And The Replies.

Dr. Koch then asked the questions standing in his name, which, with the answers were as follows:—

(i.) Will the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pope, say whether the statement attributed to him in a recent prosecution for failure to notify a case of Small-pox is correct, namely that such cases may be treated in their own houses provided the contacts are vaccinated and the case notified?

Yes.

(ii.) If this be so, what, if any, precautions are taken as regards the people in the immediate neighbourhood? Are they compulsorily vaccinated?

The Medical Officer of Health applies Section 16 of Ordinance of 1923—that is to say he requires the unvaccinated to be vaccinated forthwith under pain of being detained in quarantine.

(iii.) It was stated that the Sanitary Board permitted such procedure—*vide* Question i. If this is so, when and under what circumstances was the Board influenced to allow this?

By its resolution dated October 15th, 1918. The circumstances which dictated this resolution were, no doubt, the occurrence of a severe epidemic of small-pox presenting similar features to the present epidemic.

(iv.) In such cases can the Medical Officer of Health satisfy himself that danger of spread can be averted especially in crowded localities and tenement houses, and can efficient and proper means of isolation be adopted among the poorer classes in the community?

I am advised that efficient and proper isolation in a tenement house is quite impossible, any person remaining there while suffering from small-pox presents a grave danger to contact direct and indirect to those who have not rendered themselves immune by vaccination.

(v.) In the case of a foreigner suffering from small-pox is compulsory removal to an isolation hospital insisted upon?

In the few cases—three—in which a European has contracted the disease the Medical Officer of Health has had prompt notification and the patient has been immediately removed to an isolation hospital.

(vi.) Are the nurses and staff in the Kennedy Town Hospital strictly isolated and forbidden to leave the compound except for a walk along Jubilee Road, and also forbidden to mix with the community. If so, why is such strict isolation insisted upon in their case?

The director of Medical and Sanitary Services authorises me to reply "yes." In order to avoid the risk of carrying infection from their patients.

(vii.) How many cases have been dumped, and how many concealed cases discovered? Can a statement be given of the cases dumped weekly compared with the cases notified?

The following were the figures:

October, 1928.—Dumped 17, concealed *nil*, notified 21." Total 38.

November, 1928.—Dumped 70, concealed 7, notified 100. Total 177.

December, 1928.—Dumped 249, concealed 13, notified 240. Total 502.

January, up to 17th, 1929.—Dumped 142, concealed 2, notified 205. Total 350.

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HONG KONG BOY SCOUTS.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4).

COMMISSIONER'S SPEECH.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, said that it was his pleasing duty to propose the election of the officers and council for the present year.

He wished to add his thanks to those alreay expressed for all the help they had received. Some people seemed to think that each Boys Scouts' Association was a local affair, but in illustration of the wideness of their brotherhood he would mention that every Scout was provided with a passport in two languages, so that they could be known all over the world for what they were and it was impossible for other people to pass themselves off as Scouts in order to get specially cheap travelling facilities.

Deep Sea Scouts.

The formation of the Deep Sea Scouts also made a world link. Young men who had been Scouts could on joining the Navy or Mercantile Marine join the Deep Sea Scouts and find friends at whatever port they might touch, if there were a Scouts' Association there. Some time ago a young cadet in the Merchant Service had met some of the Sea Scouts of this Colony, and had given them a lot of help. He (the Commissioner) had written to the Commissioner of the Cadets' Old District at Home, congratulating him on the excellent type of young man he turned out and asking him to send news of the lad's welfare to his parents. It so happened that at a school prize giving in that district the headmaster read Mr. Waldegrave's letter aloud, and the cadet's mother and sister who were in the audience had their first news of how he was doing in a foreign land in this manner.

Election Of Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year on the proposition of Mr. Waldegrave.

President, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.

Vice-President, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock.

Commissioner, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Assistant Commissioner, Mr. C. H. Blason.

Assistant Commissioner, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. W. Chau. (The above *ex-officio*).

The Council as existing at present—minus those who are leaving or had already left, with the addition of:—

Commodore Hill.

District Rover Leader C. Champkin.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.

Mr. T. H. King.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.

District Cubmaster W. H. Smith.

District Scoutmaster A. White.

The representative of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee.

The representative of the South China Athletic Association.

Mr. B. Wylie.

The election of the above officers was seconded by Lieut.-Col. T. A. Robertson and passed unanimously.

Vote Of Thanks To His Excellency.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Chief Scout for having spared the time to come and preside at the meeting. (Applause.)

His Excellency replied: "It has been a great pleasure to come here, gentlemen." (Applause.)

FRAUD OR HIS OWN MONEY.

CHARGE INVOLVING $8,000.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese named Wong Yuen, *alias* Wong Hop, was charged with fraudulently converting to his own use a sum of $8,000 entrusted to him by Ma Tsun Wai to convey to the Bank of Canton to redeem a draft.

The defendant denied the charge stating that the firm for which he worked owed him the money. He added that he could produce account books to prove his statement.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Messrs. Russ & Company, prosecuting, mentioned that the $8,000 had been recovered from the defendant's safe in which was found a sum of $50,000 in cash.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Monday afternoon.

Those present at the meeting were:—Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), Mr. J. Watson (Secretary), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., Dr. S. T. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, and Dr. H. A. Fawcett (M.O.H.).

THREE-DAY FULL WATER SUPPLY.

FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR PREPARATION.

To enable the Chinese to have a general house-cleaning before the Chinese New Year, the Government is giving a full water supply for the two days before the Chinese New Year and also on the New Year day itself, was the good news conveyed by Mr. G. R. Sayer at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday.

This announcement was made following a suggestion by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin. He said: "In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, when there is a general increase in house cleansing, will the head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to give extra facilities, particularly to the occupants of upper storeys for obtaining water."

Mr. Sayer: I understand the member to refer to the practice by which the occupants of tenement houses undertake a special cleansing of their premises in preparation for the New Year, and not to the ordinary cleansing undertaken by the Board, which is customarily deferred during the New Year holidays. I have referred to the Government the practicability of allowing a fuller supply during this period, and am authorised to say that a full supply will be allowed for the two days before the Chinese New Year and for Chinese New Year day itself.

COLONY'S FREE BATH HOUSES.

OVER ONE MILLION USED THEM IN 1928.

That 1,144,277 persons had made use of the free bath houses in the Colony was one of the answers of the President of the Sanitary Board to questions put by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin on this subject.

Mr. Wong asked: Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly supply the following information: (1) The number of public bath houses in existence, (2). their locality and the hours of service.

Replying, Mr. Sayer said that there are four bath houses, and another one is being constructed at Boundary Street, Shamshuipo, and will be completed in about a month. Those in existence now are in Second Street, Saiyingpun, Pound Lane, Tai Ping Shan, Cross Lane, Wanchai, and Pakhoi Street, Yaumati.

The hours of service are 7 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the one named first. In the second, 7 a.m. to noon and 2 to 7 p.m. In the third one the hours are from 7 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m. In the last one the hours are from 6 a.m. to noon and 2 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin: Is hot water supplied?—Yes.

The fee, if any, for admission?—Free.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin: Has the attention of the public, particularly the labouring class, been drawn to the existence of such convenience?—These bath houses are well known. I am not aware of any special notices having been issued, but 1,114,277 persons used the baths during the year 1928.

SEA AND BRACKISH WATER FOR FLUSHING.

ONLY SMALL QUANTITY OF MAIN WATER USED.

Many commepts have been levelled against the Public Works Department by the man in the street because, in these days of water scarcity, it was thought that main water has been used for flushing drains and gutters. This is not so, as was explained at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, in reply to a question by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin said: "In view of the scarcity of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to utilise sea water for the purpose of washing drains and gutters, the cleansing of which must frequently be attended to in order to prevent offensive smells being emitted."

The reply of the Board was: "It is assumed the member refers to the Island of Hong Kong. Sea water has long been used for this purpose. Approximately 50 per cent. of the flushing is done with sea water, 25 per cent. with brackish water (drawn from a well at Western Market) and 25 per cent. with nullah water. A small quantity of main water is used in the East end of the town, and none in the Centre and Western districts. All side channels are thoroughly washed down weekly and all channels in and below Queen's Road, west of Garden Road, twice a week.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC LECTURE on the subject of "SCIENCE AND RELIGION" will be given by Rev. Fr. G. BYRNE, S.J., at ST. PATRICK'S HALL, 5, Garden Road, TO-DAY at 5.30 P.M.

The Public is Cordially Invited.
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NOTICE.

H.B.M. CONSULATE-GENERAL, CANTON.

BRITISH SUBJECTS are hereby reminded that in Terms of the China Order in Council of 1925, they are required to REGISTER themselves at H.B.M. CONSULATE-GENERAL in JANUARY of Each Year

J. F BRENAN,
Acting Consul-General.
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Canton, 21st January, 1929. [7286

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LIMITED.

A SUBMARINE TELEPHONE CABLE will be laid in the Harbour Cable Reserve at 7.30 A.M. on FRIDAY Next, the 25th Instant (Weather Permitting) and All Shipping is requested to proceed with the Utmost Caution when passing the Cable Laying Craft.

J. P. SHERRY,
7281] Manager.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road on TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY to TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd Jan., 1929. [7283

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONG KONG.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS begin on THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st. SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th. NEW BOYS should attend on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd at 9 A.M.

A New Prospectus and Syllabus was published in December.

For Prospectus, Syllabus and Entry Form—Apply to The BURSAR, P.O. Box 33, Hong Kong.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M.A. Oxon.
Headmaster.
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Dr. WU PAK-LIANG,
Commissioner,
Canton Municipal Water Work,
Kew Sheung Kai.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1929.

OWNERS are Reminded that ENTRIES for the ANNUAL RACE MEETING must be in the hands of the SECRETARY on or before SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1929, at 3 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
7277] Secretary.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

FIRST RUGBY INTERPORT TRIAL.

THE CLUB
v.
THE ARMY.
THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY,
ON THE
HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 28th Day of JANUARY, 1929, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2169.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots No. 2143, 2087, Nathan Road, Mong Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.				2,145	24	4,800

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2170.	Junction of Bute St. with Sai Yeung Choi St. and Tung Choi St., Mong Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.				About 8,340	102	13,260

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UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 31st JANUARY, 1929, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd JANUARY to 31st JANUARY, 1929, Both Dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

27th, 28th, 27th FEBRUARY,
AND 2nd MARCH, 1929.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are Now Ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7109

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

PROCEDURE AT ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING of SEATHOLDERS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at the CATHEDRAL HALL on TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th, at 5.30 P.M., for the following purposes :—

1.—To receive the Report of the Dean for the Year 1928.

2.—To receive and consider Accounts for 1928.

3. (a.)—To approve generally the Principals contained in the proposed Church of England Trust Ordinance and Regulations for Church Councils.

(b.) To approve the abolition of Pew Rents as from the passing of the Ordinance and the formation of the New Electorate. A Register of Seatholders to be kept in the meantime and Rents to be charged as in the past.

(c). To note an Extraordinary Meeting of Seatholders and Subscribers will be held, at such time and place as shall be announced later, to approve the Bill and any Draft Regulations in their final form and conditionally to elect Two Lay Trustees in accordance with Clause 3 (1) of the Draft Church of England Trust Ordinance, 1929, who shall come into office if and when such Ordinance is passed.

4.—To elect Six Lay Members to the Church Body.

5.—To instruct the Church Body to arrange for the formation of an Electoral Roll on the lines of the Draft Regulations for Church Councils, 1929, Clause 17 (b).

6.—To elect an Auditor.

7.—To elect, if thought necessary, Members for the Church Council —such Church Council to act until reorganisation on the lines of the New Ordinance takes place.

8.—To elect Representatives to the Church of England Diocesan Conference.

9.—Transacting any other Business.

By Order of the Church Body,
C. BLAKER,
Hong Kong, 19th Jan., 1929. [7269

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.20 p.m., stated :—

A strong anticyclone covers N.E. China and Mongolia. The typhoon is about midway between the southern Philippine and Pelew Islands. It is moving W. or W.N.W. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, strong, fine to cloudy.

The Typhoon.

A message issued from Manila at 4 p.m. on January 22nd states that there is a cyclone or typhoon E. of northern Mindanao, moving W. or W.N.W.

At 9 p.m. the typhoon was in about Long. 128 deg. E. and Lat. 08 deg. N., moving W.

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.
London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, January 23rd, 1929.

TUNNELLING THE HARBOUR.

Just as it is necessary for those engaged in dealing with Imperial problems to study large maps, so, it is essential to take long views when dealing with questions of a more local character. To meet the public needs of the moment is not a difficult matter in a well-ordered community, but to estimate—and provide for—the needs of the future is not so easy. Even when long views are taken by wise administrators, the question arises of providing funds for carrying their plans into effect, and the difficulty of raising the money required sometimes results in drastic revision of schemes which were actually none too extensive nor in any way extravagant in their original form. The average citizen is not a cheerful taxpayer at the best of times, and when he knows that part of the money he very reluctantly hands over to the State or local administration is being spent in carrying out plans drawn up by men with long views, he is apt to protest even more vigorously than usual against providing for posterity.

The provision of an adequate water supply and an effective sewage system are obvious essentials to public health, and in every civilised country careful attention is being given to these services. In many large cities the problem of water supply is causing anxiety, owing to the increased consumption not only as a result of the growing population, but the increased consumption per head. In Great Britain, for example, the amount of water used in large cities has doubled. Trustworthy statistics show that in the old type of house, with water laid on but without hot water or bath, the daily consumption was seven gallons per head per day. In a modern cottage with bath and hot water, the daily consumption is fifteen gallons per head. With the view of adequate conservation and distribution of water supplies in the future, the Ministry of Health advises the appointment of regional water committees in Great Britain. These committees will be purely advisory and have no executive power. All the water boards and other water authorities whose interests are likely to be closely connected are to be grouped in a committee with the view of discussing and reaching a common policy. Committees are advised to plan in detail for twenty years ahead, and in broad outline for fifty years—long views indeed! Periodical revision of projects will be necessary. Available supplies of water are to be allocated to the best advantage of all areas in the region, and local supplies not overlooked in favour of upland sources. The Ministry of Health also points out that reliable estimates of cost should always be obtained. It is hoped that these committees will be helpful in avoiding friction between rival claimants for water areas, and in the attainment of satisfactory water supplies.

Here in Hong Kong long views will have to be taken in regard to water supply. The Colony is developing rapidly, and very careful attention is being given by the Government to the problem of providing an adequate water supply. It will be possible to increase the catchment areas on the island, but it will be also necessary to draw upon resources on the mainland, and to this end it has been decided to lay a pipe-line across the harbour. When the Legislative Council meets to-morrow His Excellency the Governor will probably deal at length and in detail with this scheme. Meanwhile it must be clearly understood that this pipe-line on the bed of the harbour is merely a temporary plan, devised to meet the urgent needs of the moment only. A similar scheme tried at Vancouver did not prove successful. Constant trouble was experienced, mainly as a result of corrosion, although all the approved methods of protecting pipes from such damage were tried. In the end it was decided to bore a tunnel through the rock, and taking the long view of Hong Kong's requirements, this seems to be what is needed here. There is reason to believe—and the belief is easily capable of proof or otherwise—that there is a bed of rock under the harbour which would make a tunnel between Hong Kong and Kowloon a practical proposition from the engineer's point of view.

The construction of such a tunnel for carrying water across the harbour would take a considerable time to complete, and Hong Kong cannot take the risk of waiting for such a scheme being carried out—assuming that it is proved to be practical, and that sanction be given for its execution. The coming wet season may be comparatively dry, and a meagre rainfall would prove disastrous during the following winter and spring. Hence the decision to proceed without delay with the plan for laying a pipe-line across the harbour, which is a comparatively simple undertaking, and will afford almost immediate relief. The pipe-line, in fact, must be regarded as a sort of "first aid" measure which will remove anxiety until such time as a more effective and permanent plan is devised and executed. We would like to see steps taken to test the practicability of driving a tunnel—and not a tunnel simply to act as a pipe to carry water, but a tunnel which would also serve as a means of communication between Hong Kong and Kowloon. The cost of such an undertaking would be heavy, but its value to the community would be incalculable.

A tunnel under the harbour would solve the problem of linking up vehicular traffic between Hong Kong and Kowloon. A tunnel would be storm-proof, and typhoon signals would not—as now—paralyse communication across the harbour. Tolls upon vehicles passing through the tunnel would provide a substantial and steadily growing revenue, and none would grudge the charge in view of the time saved and convenience afforded. Water-pipes and telephone and telegraph lines could be carried through such a tunnel, and at all times be easily reached for inspection and repair. From every point of view—and especially the long view—a harbour tunnel seems to afford the best solution of the problem of linking Hong Kong and Kowloon. A bridge has been talked of, a vehicular ferry has been talked of; now let us talk of a tunnel—find out from geologists whether there is a bed of rock under the harbour, and from civil engineers what it would cost to drive through it. There may be—must be—difficulties, but they may not be insuperable. In any case, the project seems worth investigation, and if it should turn out that the chief difficulty is the expense involved, we have sufficient faith in men with long views to believe even that obstacles could be overcome.

News and Views.

Mrs. A. R. Sutherland is to distribute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School on Friday morning.

Mrs. Southorn is to present cups and certificates at the annual speech day of the St. Stephen's Girls' College on February 1st, at 3 p.m.

At St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, this afternoon Father Byrne will lecture on "Science and Religion." The proceedings will be public, and commence at 5.30.

The Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. will hold its 109th ordinary meeting of shareholders at the office of the Company on Tuesday, February 19th at 11 a.m.

On Friday next a submarine telephone cable is to be laid across the harbour, and navigators are notified in an advertisement appearing elsewhere of the time at which operations will commence.

A police report states that Miss Florrie Bowen, aged twelve, living at No. 23, Sharp Street, has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries received when she was knocked down by a public conveyance in Queen's Road East.

A supplementary vote of $99,987 will be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at to-morrow's meeting. This includes a revote of $30,150 for No. 3 Police cruising launch.

The Shanghai A.D.C. once wished to put on "You Never Can Tell," so they wrote to Mr. Shaw to ask if they "could act" his play, receiving the following reply:—"Amateurs cannot act my plays. Professionals can only do so when I am there to help them. By all means play it if you like, but God help the audience!"

Comm. Baistrocchi (the Italian Consul-General for Hong Kong) and Mrs. Baistrocchi will receive the sympathies of their friends in the loss of their six-year-old son, Achilles. The lad passed away on Monday night at the Peninsula Hotel where the family reside. Interment took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

At the Supreme Court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice P. Jacks, a Chinese named Ho Yam was charged with robbery in the company of one or more. It was stated that they robbed another Chinese at Repulse Bay, as far back as May 25, 1925, of two jackets and $13.50 in cash. Prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years' hard labour.

"Keep Moving" was again presented to a large audience at the Star Theatre last night by the Fred Coyne Musical Comedy Company. The performance went through without a hitch and the large number of ladies and gentlemen present were highly entertained, if one could judge form the long and constant applause. To night this talented company will presented "Blue Birds."

The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong in his private chapel on January 22nd licensed the Rev. George Kingsford Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., to officiate in his diocese. The Rev. G. K. Carpenter is a late scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, and for the past six years has been assistant master at Trinity College, Foochow, in the diocese of Fukien. He is now serving as an assistant master at St. Stephen's Boys' College, Hong Kong.

A Chinese rice merchant doing business in the New Territories reports that on January 18th he hired a cargo junk to carry a cargo of 94 piculs of rice to Un Long from Kak Tin in the Chinese Territory. The following day he received a report from his *foki*, whom he had put in charge of the junk, that when the vessel was off Mong Tsing in Chinese Territory, they were attacked by another junk with ten armed men aboard, who overpowered the crew and stole the whole cargo.

A record-breaking "cold snap" was registered in Manila on January 12th when thermometers dropped to 62.6 degrees Farenheit. While this figure would seem ridiculous as a low mark in non-tropic lands, to the Philippines it represented genuine suffering and brought an epidemic of colds and influenza. Kissing went under the ban of the Philippine Health Service. In a special bulletin, the Service warned that it would be considerably safer for Manilans to express affection in less extreme fashion until health conditions improved.

The Japanese population of Shanghai continued to grow during 1928. Statistics compiled by the Japanese Consular Police state that the community totals 27,693 to-day, this figure including Koreans and Formosans. The 1928 gain over the preceding year is given as 757, an increase of almost three percent. The Japanese population of Shanghai was 26,937 in 1927, according to the Japanese police statistics. The Japanese community is the largest of the foreign groups, the British being second and the American third. Approximately 40 nationalities totaling 60,000 foreigners go to make up Shanghai's population, which was recently estimated at more than 3,000,000.

Yesterday representatives of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. met the Chinese delegation returning from the World Students Christian Federation held in December at Mysore. They are Miss Kwan of Peiping and Yenching University, Mr. Chang of Tientsin and Nankai University, and Dr. D. P. Peng of Swatow, of Soochow University and secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Swatow. Mr. T. L. Shen, the chairman of the delegation has remained for an extra month in India to visit the Indian Universities. Mr. Peng and Mr. Chang have left for Canton where they will spend a week and then return to Hong Kong to meet various student groups here. The conference in India was the third meeting of the organization which unites the students of forty nations. The preceeding one was held in Europe and the one before that in Peking in 1922. These three gatherings were presided over by Dr. John R. Mott.

The eyes of all Paris were fixed some days ago for more than twenty minutes on an airplane that seemed riveted to the clouds about 1,000 feet over the centre of the city. It was an autogyroscope of the type developed by Juan de la Cierva, the Spanish inventor who not long ago flew across the English Channel in one of his planes. The plane was eventually driven away by lowering clouds after giving a demonstration of the possibility of a heavier than air machine remaining stationary.

English Men And U.S.A. Girls.

Nancy Samuel, English college debater who has just completed a six weeks tour of America, in entertaining the Roxy Theatre audience, speaking through a movietone, said: "I have been put up here to make some sweeping statements. The American girls are prettier than the English, but the American men are not handsome like the English. The American girls are better dressed but the American men are very badly dressed, indeed, and should pay more visits to their tailors and fewer visits to the department stores."

Spain's Bernard Shaw.

A new play, "For Heaven and Church," by Joachim Benavente, Spain's greatest dramatist, has been banned by the censor. Benavente has been called the Bernard Shaw of Spain. For thirty years he has assumed an attitude towards the public similar to that of the Irish playwright, and his plays, which were considered cynical and paradoxical at first, are now the delight of the new generation. Shaw himself is having a great effect on Madrid audiences through his "Candida," ably translated by Dr. Julius Brouta, and acted by Irene Lopez Heredia, Spain's foremost actress. "Candida's" psychology is foreign to the Spanish conception of woman's nature, and the play, on the whole, is evidently a puzzle to the general public, in spite of notices on the programme asking the audience to listen more attentively than usual, as they would hear new and subtle ideas expressed on the stage such as the comedies to which they were accustomed never provided.

Fifty-four Miles Of Books.

In the British Museum there are more than fifty-four miles of bookshelves and nearly 4,000,000 books. Some of the volumes have been in official possession for more than 150 years, and they are doomed to remain in the Museum "for ever." This is the answer to Sir Chartres Biron, who, at Bow Street Police Court, said it had always puzzled him to know where the Museum stored all the books they accumulated and asked if all the books would remain there always. Books, periodicals, and papers pour in by hundreds of thousands every year, for a copy of each volume published must be sent in. For those who know its secrets the Museum is one of the most romantic places in London. There is a kind of Bluebeard's Room, the doors of which are always locked. No member of the public has ever been inside. It is the Dungeon of the Banned Books, and all those volumes which it is not thought seemly for the public to see are hidden on the shelves behind the closed doors. Not every book-cover which a visitor passes in the miles of corridors is really the back of a book. Mysterious "secret" doors are everywhere. An attendant presses a knob and suddenly what looked like a shelf of ponderous tomes swings back, and a visitor finds himself entering the book-lined study of the Museum official "In spite of the millions of books a book-worm has never been seen in the Museum," the Deputy Keeper explained. "The very level temperature of the Museum is an important factor in preserving the books."

THE HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA AND THE HON. DR. S. W. TSO.

CONGRATULATED BY SANITARY BOARD.

At the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Head of the Sanitary Department, congratulated the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso on their recent appointment as unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Sayer paid a warm tribute to the services rendered to the Board by these two gentlemen named. Although the methods which these gentlemen had adopted to help the Board were different, their aims were identically the same. They were always working for the betterment of the Colony. He wished them the best of luck and hoped that they would do equally good work as members of the Legislative Council. (Applause.)

83 SMALL-POX DEATHS LAST WEEK.

ANOTHER BRITISH CASE ON MONDAY.

Another British case of small-pox figured in the list of 17 new cases reported on Monday, 9 from Victoria, 7 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan. The remaining cases were Chinese.

During last week 91 cases and 82 deaths were reported.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

BARON TANAKA'S DECLARATION OF POLICY.

CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER MANCHURIA.

Premier Tanaka, speaking in his capacity of Minister for Foreign Affairs, yesterday at the opening session of the Imperial Diet, on the foreign policy of Japan, emphasised the cordial relationship existing between Japan and foreign powers.

He spoke on Japan's policy toward China as follows:—

"Turning to the situation in China, it is highly gratifying for this Empire, which has always had at heart the welfare of the Chinese people, to note that strife and warfare which have been prevalent in China for more than fifteen long years are gradually subsiding and everything appears to point to peace. This Government are sincerely desirous that the Chinese nation, availing itself of this happy tendency in its affairs, may speedily be enabled to accomplish its great enterprise of peaceful unification. Deeply sympathizing as they do with Chinese people, this Government are willing, in co-operation with other nations having close relations with China, to lend them assistance as far as possible in their task of reconstruction. It need hardly be pointed out that the path of China both at home and abroad is beset with difficulties and the Chinese Government should more than ever be guided by counsels of self-restraint and moderation.

Manchuria—Japan's Interests Defined.

In speaking of our relationship with China, I feel bound to say a few words about our position in Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China. In view of the political and strategic importance which it bears to Japan on account of its geographic contiguity with our territory, and considering the historic significance which it possesses, in that the region was restored to China by Japan at risk of her national existence from the aggressive grip of tsarist Russia, it is quite natural that the feeling of the Japanese people toward Manchuria should be peculiarly keen and entirely different from that toward any other part of China.

Furthermore, over a million Japanese subjects reside in that region to-day and Japan has many important rights and interests there. The interest and concern with which the Japanese people have come to regard the affairs of Manchuria should, therefore, not cause the least wonder.

Spirit Of Conciliation.

The Japanese Government has always followed this policy in all their dealings with Manchuria. In a word, the two nations, mutually understanding the position of the other, should be animated by a spirit of conciliation in their exchange of views and in their efforts for the settlement of various questions pending between them, so that a relationship may be restored between them that will not only contribute to their mutual well-being but be conductive to the tranquillity of the Far East and eventually to the progress of world civilization.

It goes without saying that the Japanese Government will respect the sovereignty of China over Manchuria and do all in their power to preserve the principles of the Open Door and equal opportunity, and desire that the region be made a safe abode for both natives and foreigners. They are, at the same time, fully determined to take appropriate steps when a state of affairs arises in Manchuria which shall place these things in jeopardy.

I hope that I have made the foreign policies of this Government sufficiently clear, and we hope that it will strengthen our friendly relations with other Powers, protect fully our rights and interests, and contribute to the consolidation of world peace."

CHANG TSO LIN'S DEATH.

PARTY ISSUE IN JAPAN?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 22nd.

A last minute attempt to prevent the question of the circumstances of Chang Tso Lin's death from becoming a party issue was made this afternoon, when the Premier privately conversed with Hamaguchi and Tokonami, and requested them to refrain from bringing up the subject in the Diet. He gave as his reason that far-reaching international consequences might arise from the controversy.

Hamaguchi is reported to have replied that he was unable to tie himself down to a definite promise, while Tokonami is said to have stated that he did not contemplate interpolating the Government on this affair.

SERIOUS POSITION AT HANKOW.

OFFICIAL CONNIVANCE IN BOYCOTT.

JAPANESE ARREST PICKETS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Jan. 22nd.

Excitement was caused in Hankow this afternoon when a launch full of pickets attempted to interfere with a number of coolies engaged by Japanese firms in unloading lighters off the Japanese Concession.

Warning was given to the shore, and signals were sent by the Japanese authorities to one of the gunboats lying in mid-stream.

Soon afterwards, a boat-load of armed Japanese marines proceeded to the scene, taking the pickets by surprise.

Five of them were arrested, the remainder succeeding in making their escape by darting on shore and running into the ex-German Concession (S.A.D. No. I) which is adjacent to the Japanese Concession.

The prisoners are being held for investigation, while the launch in which they travelled to the scene is being detained for the time being. Meanwhile, the situation on shore remained quiet.

Japanese Discoveries.

The sequel to this afternoon's events is revealed in an official Japanese statement, detailing the circumstances of the arrests and reporting their discoveries.

The Japanese authorities state that the launch seized is the property of the Hankow River Police, and according to confessions made by the five prisoners, it was openly loaned to the pickets.

In view of this disclosure, and the fact that the men in custody carried notebooks giving details of Japanese movements in and around the Concession, the Japanese authorities are inclined to regard the affair as very serious.

It is stated that the official connivance in the recent troubles, which seems to have been established, and the note-taking, etc. constitute acts of espionage.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 22nd.

Admiral Kanji Kato, who was Naval Attaché in London in 1911, has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Admiral Kantaro Suzuki, who has been installed Grand Chamberlain in succession to Baron Chinda.

YOSHIZAWA'S PLANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

Mr. Yoshizawa is leaving for Nanking at 8.50 to-morrow morning by train.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 22nd.

Speaking to the Diet, the Finance Minister, Mr. Mitsuchi, observed that the economic situation in Japan was steadily recovering from the effects of the financial panic of last April. The re-adjustment of the banks was making satisfactory progress. A hundred and twenty banks had been dissolved for the purpose of amalgamation in 1927, while 197 more had been dealt with last year. Mr. Mitsuchi concluded that the Government was doing its best to stabilise the exchange, for which reason it wishes to raise the gold embargo as soon as possible.

NEW FRENCH TREATY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

Before the formal opening of negotiations between Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and the French Minister, for the conclusion of a new Sino-French Treaty, a tentative agreement on the chief points has been reached. The French Government allows the Nationalist Government to establish consulates in Annam provided that several commercial cities in Yunnan and Kwangsi be opened for international trading with Annam. The French Government has also agreed to accord the same treatment to Chinese in Annam as to other nationals. France's special rights of mining and railway construction formerly granted to her will be cancelled, but in case such special rights be granted to any foreign government, France will be given the preference.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

The Minister of the Interior at Nanking is arranging to hold a national conference of civil services on March 1st. High civil officials of the various provinces are required to attend the conference personally, when a number of important resolutions will be put forward for discussion.

TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY.

YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRED.

RESUMPTION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Jan. 22nd.

The official report of Mr. Hearne, representing the Ministry of Railways, states that the Yellow River bridge is completely repaired, and through traffic between Tientsin and Pukow will be possible as soon as arrangements have been reached with the Japanese.

A test train with four cars, under Mr. Hearne's direction, carrying the Consular body, Japanese civil and military authorities and over fifty prominent men, successfully crossed the bridge on January 20th.

The resumption of work in the railway shops at Tsinan has been sanctioned by the Japanese after they had been notified of its nature, while two locomotives, four passenger cars and ten goods wagons have been released.

Mr. Hearne has been instructed to remain in Tsinan and continue negotiations.

Japan is ready to discuss the recommencement of through traffic, but conditionally as far as regards through goods traffic.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS NEAR PEPING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

A report from Peping states that Suiyuen, a special district to the north-west of Peping, felt a severe earthquake on Sunday and suffered considerable damage including a heavy loss of life. Great damage was done to railway tracks in the district.

CHINESE IMPRISONED IN RUSSIA.

FUGITIVES TERRIBLE ACCOUNT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

Thirty-eight members of the Kuomintang who recently arrived in Shanghai from Russia, after escaping from gaol there, have issued a manifesto stating that the Soviet authorities have arrested more than a thousand Chinese residents in Russia and have held them imprisoned for more than a year. Many are dying under the terrible conditions.

WU TEH CHEN'S NEW POST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

A Kuo Min message from Nanking reports that Wu Teh Chen will be appointed Vice-Minister of the Interior.

GUARDS AND U.S. MARINES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd.

As the outcome of their very friendly association, both socially and in sport, the Scots Guards on January 18th presented the Fourth United States Marines with a beautiful silver statuette of a Guards drummer. The Fourth Marines yesterday came to the ship, the City of Marseilles, and presented to the Scots Guards a beautifully engraved silver shield, "In appreciation of our happy affiliation in Shanghai."

AMERICA'S "SPRING CLEANING."

DRASTIC TREATMENT OF "SPEAK EASIES."

PREMISES SMASHED UP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 21st.

The police authorities in all big American cities are now engaged in the periodical "cleaning-up" operations. The process was commenced in New York a few days ago when raids were carried out on the night clubs and dance-halls, many arrests being made.

Chicago, following the example, have made three thousand arrests in thirty-six hours in the course of raids on "speak-easies" and similar haunts.

The activities of the police in Chicago and elsewhere have been ordered largely with a view to arresting known criminals.

The raiding squads in New York and Chicago have been most violent, having apparently set out with the avowed object of smashing up all premises found to be selling alcoholic liquors.

The premises visited so far present a most remarkable spectacle. The police have left broken mirrors, smashed furniture and such like in their wake.

SEA AIR FOR THE KING.

EARLY REMOVAL TO BOGNOR.

EXCELLENT BULLETIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 22nd.

Shortly after midday the following official bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace:—

"The King has had a quiet night. His temperature has now remained normal for many days and the condition of the pulse is satisfactory. The Empyema wound is small and is steadily healing.

"With a returning appetite the amount of nourishment is adequate and includes solid food. Although the general strength shews improvement, there is not as yet any appreciable increase in weight. **We feel the time is approaching when His Majesty's removal to sea air will be advantageous.**"

Signed STANLEY HEWETT,
HUGH M. RIGBY,
FARQUHAR BUZZARD,
HUMPHREY ROLLESTON,
DAWSON OF PENN.

Craigwell House.

It is officially stated that the King will go to Bognor, and will occupy Craigwell House, which has been placed at his disposal by Sir Arthur du Cros.

Craigwell House is situated at Aldwick Village, 1½ miles west of Bognor. Many offers of suitable residences were received at the Palace before the doctors made their choice.

The date of removal has not yet been fixed, but it is not likely that the King will be moved for at least a week.

Bulletin Delayed.

Though a bulletin regarding His Majesty's condition was promised for Monday evening, the doctors decided otherwise. It was, however, officially stated at the Palace that the King had had a good day, and that progress continues to be satisfactory.

The doctors' decision not to issue a bulletin came as a great surprise. There will have been an interval of sixty hours between bulletins when the next is published.

Full Satisfaction.

The interval of sixty hours is the longest since the King was taken ill and indicates that the fullest satisfaction is felt with the King's progress.

The progress then mentioned has been continuing ever since according to official statements made at Buckingham Palace during the day. The gathering strength of the King is the great feature of the recent state of his illness. The progress is slow, but there has been every indication during the past week that it is assured, and the King's increase in strength is likely to continue, however minutely, from day to day.

ARTIFICIAL SILK TRADE.

BRITAIN'S RAPID STRIDES.

THREE YEARS' PROGRESS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 22nd.

That remarkable progress has been made in the colour and texture of artificial silk is apparent at the exhibition of British artificial silk goods being held at Olympia. Sir Robert Horne in opening the exhibition referred to the rapid strides made by the British branch of the new industry. He pointed out that in 1900 the whole production in the world was 1,000 metric tons. In 1910 that figure had risen to 8,000, in 1920 it was 25,000 and to-day it was 154,000 metric tons.

Ten years ago Great Britain was the fourth in the list of countries producing artificial silk, but to-day it came second only to the United States, an enormously bigger country with three times the population. In 1925 this country was producing only 24,000,000 pounds weight of artificial silk. In 1928 it produced 52,000,000 pounds weight. Britain was to-day not only supplying her own needs, but was selling enough artificial silk products abroad to produce on balance extra revenue of £7,000,000 a year. The material produced had improved immensely in quality, colour and design.

NATIONAL DEFENCE IN IRAQ.

RESPONSIBILITY IN QUESTION.

BRITAIN'S DOUBTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BAGDAD, Jan. 21st.

Differences between the British and Iraq Governments on the question of national defence have resulted in the resignation of the Iraq Cabinet.

The British authorities hold the view that Iraq is not yet ready to assume full responsibility for its own defence, and as the Opposition, like the retiring Government, demand complete independence, some difficulty in Cabinet making is expected.

MISSIONARY KILLED IN IRAQ.

DRIVERS' DASH FOR SAFETY.

'PLANES SEARCH FOR MURDERERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BASRA, Jan. 21st.

The terrible atrocities of the Wahabi raiders in Iraq last year are recalled in sensational manner by news of a tragic affair in the desert in the course of which an American missionary has been killed.

Two motor-cars were on their way to Koweitt from Basra, containing Mr. Charles Crane, the former American Ambassador to China, Mr. J. C. Crane, Mr. Charles Jones, the latter's valet, and The Rev. Henry Bilkert, of the American Mission at Basra.

An Ambush.

Soon after crossing the Iraq frontier, it is understood, the party fell into an ambush set by about a hundred Wahabi raiders. Some firing took place, and the Rev. Renry Bilkert was shot dead.

The other members of the party were unhurt. The Wahabis eventually fled, the party returning to Basra immediately.

Mr. Charles Crane declares that the ambushers were hidden in the desert scrub and that there was no sign of any horses or camels.

Air Force Search.

LATER.

Royal Air Force machines have fruitlessly scoured the country in search of the murderers. They are believed to be scouts mounted on horses, screening the main body of Wahabi raiders on camels.

The ambush occurred fifty miles south of Zubair, and the fact that any of the party escaped is due to the presence of mind of the drivers, who at the first volley swerved violently and dashed through at full speed.

IRON AND STEEL TRADES.

LETTER TO THE PREMIER.

ROYAL COMMISSION WANTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 22nd.

At a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday a number of questions likely to arise in Parliament, which reassembles to-day after the Christmas recess, were considered. Newspapers state that the letter addressed to the Prime Minister by the Confederation of Iron and Steel Trades, asking for an inquiry into the condition of the trades, was before the Cabinet. The confederation is pressing for an investigation by a Royal Commission, on the ground that it is necessary as a preliminary to any legislative or other action in relation to industry, because of the great part it plays in the economic life of the country.

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.

AID TO EMPLOYMENT.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CANVASSED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 21st.

Sir William Bull, the Chairman of the Channel Tunnel Parliamentary Committee, has approached all Chambers of Commerce to find out whether they support or oppose the tunnel scheme.

In another letter, asking all trades councils and other labour organisations for their attitude, Sir William Bull emphasises the great amount of employment the scheme would make.

He gives an estimate that the wages paid would be at the rate of five pounds for one week's work, so that if the cost were £30,000,000 it, would mean six million weeks work.

"TWO MURDERERS TRACED."

ASSAILANTS OF MR. KEVIN O'HIGGINS?

New York, December 26th:—Two of the murderers of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Irish Free State, are reported to have been traced. Their arrest is expected soon.

Detectives from Ireland are stated to have found the men living at Brooklyn.—*Central News.*

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins was shot on July 10th, 1927, by unknown assailants, who drove up in a motor-car as he was walking unaccompanied to Mass at Blackrock, a seaside suburb of Dublin.

Ten men were arrested on the day following the murder, but were released after three remands. The police were unable to bring any evidence against them.

Other arrests were made, but in no case was there sufficient evidence to warrant committing any one to trial.

FRENCH GRIEVANCE WITH CHINA.

NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF POSTS.

VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 22nd.

The *Petit Parisien*, in a message from Shanghai, describes the appointment, in succession to M. d'Estelan, of the Norwegian Tollefsen as Director-General of Posts, as a violation of the Sino-French agreements of 1898 and 1902, which stipulate that the position should be held by a Frenchman. The journal alludes furthermore to the Powers' agreement at the Washington Conference to abolish post offices on condition that there should be no change in regard to the appointment of the Director-General.

The correspondent concludes: "As a result of this unfriendly gesture on the part of the Nationalist Government, the Powers would be justified in re-establishing their postal services in China."

DRUG ADDICTS IN KOREA.

SUCCESS OF JAPANESE TREATMENT.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 22nd.

There are over 5,000 morphinomaniacs in Korea, declared Count Sato of Japan in a statement to the Opium Commission regarding the Japanese Government's proposal to control the manufacture and sale of narcotics. In Korea he declared that experiments of curing addicts according to the system of Doctor Suo had proved very satisfactory.

Several members of the Commission congratulated Count Sato on his Government's action and asked him duly to inform the Commission of the nature and results of the treatment, which would be very valuable in other states, and especially in Britain where the treatment of drug addicts had not been very satisfactory.

OPIUM TRAFFIC IN INDIA.

THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

JAPAN'S PLEA FOR STRONGER MEASURES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 21st.

The Opium Commission of the League of Nation to-day continued its examination of the annual report for India.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne, the British representative stressed the importance of discovering the source of supply of the drugs which were smuggled into India.

Viscount Sato (Japan) expressed himself as being fully in agreement with Sir Malcolm, but said that present measures for control were not sufficient.

He had submitted to the Japanese Government a scheme for the revision of the present regulations in Japan and was now awaiting their decision in the matter.

Viscount Sato said he would continue to persevere in his efforts, but he felt that they should aim, above all, at limiting production and in exercising a more strict control of the illicit drug traffic.

The Commission approved of reports submitted by British India, the Dutch East Indies and Indo-China.

LORD CECIL AND FRANCE'S ARMAMENTS.

FEAR OF INVASION THE DOMINATING FACTOR.

Viscount Cecil, speaking at Whitefield's Central Mission, Tottenham Court Road, London, said he saw no objection whatever to America's proposal that her fleet should be as big as ours. "It is fantastic," he said, "for us to contemplate the possibility or base our policy in any way on the possibility of war between the United States and the Empire. It is therefore quite foolish for anyone to object to the United States having as large a fleet as ours."

The great danger to peace, said Lord Cecil, arose more from arms on the land than from the sea. In this respect there was in existence an impression that France was the great disturber of peace and that she cherished all sorts of imperial aspirations. "I believe that that is untrue," he declared. "The thing that dominates French opinion in this manner is not desire for conquest but fear of invasion. It is the same with most Continental countries."

CIVIL WAR IN AFGHANISTAN.

AMANULLAH MASSING TROOPS.

TRIBES GIVE THEIR SUPPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

The report, published as a persistent rumour in a Bombay newspaper, that Habibullah (Bachai Sakao) has been murdered, or has fled from Kabul, is officially declared to be absolutely without foundation.

A message from Herat states that Amanullah has officially rescinded his abdication, and has assumed supreme power.

A wireless message received at Moscow from Herat gives details of Amanullah's preparations for overcoming Bachai Sakao. Large bodies of troops from Kandahar and the Gazni region are concentrating at Gazni, and it is reported that Amanullah intends to lead them personally in an attempt to regain his throne.

Criminal Outbreak.

Meanwhile, as the result of some shortage of food in Kabul leading to a considerable rise in prices, there has been an alarming criminal outbreak, robberies taking place frequently.

A band of robbers have pillaged the French school.

The complete isolation of the city has resulted in stagnation of trade. The merchants are becoming discontented and there is a growing sentiment in favour of Amanullah.

At present there is no recognised form of government at Kabul, but fighting has ceased everywhere except at Jagdalak (between Kabul and Jelalabad) where apparently looting is going on.

Obsolete Ministries?

Bachai Sakao has established himself at the Palace at Kabul and is apparently trying to form a Ministry.

The formation of the new cabinet is not yet complete, but it has been decided to abolish the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Justice.

The secular schools will be closed and justice will be administered by Magistrates' Courts.

The question of the abolition of thee Ministry for Forign Affairs has not yet been decided, but it is reported that the new Government's tendency is to sever reelations with all foreign States, with the exception of Great Britain, and thus restore to Afghanistan the position she had before the proclamation of independence.

Mullah's Opposition.

This project is arousing the resistance of the mullahs and the merchants.

The Proclamation of Habibullah's accession to supreme rulership styles him the Ameer of Afghanistan and not Padishah.

It is reported in an official message from Peshawar that Inayatullah, Amanullah's brother who reigned as King for four or five days, has left for Chaman. It is understood that he intends to join Amanullah at Kandahar.

It appears that the province of Kandahar is keen in its support of Amanullah, and that the Shinwaris will also move against Kabul.

The fate of the kingdom appears to be in the hands of the Ghilzais, who are the most numerous and the most powerful tribe in Afghanistan.

Telegrams in Brief.

It is understood that plans are being developed for an early visit by the Prince to Wales to South Wales and other coalfields where acute distress prevails. The arrangements and dates are not yet completed. At the moment, the most that can be said is that the Prince will set out at an early date and that the North of England will be included in his tour, as well as Wales.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce this evening, said that a very important amalgamation in one section of the cotton trade was on the eve of being launched. The Bank of England, he declared, had co-operated in a manner almost unprecedented, and in a spirit of the utmost resolution, being convinced that Lancashire would emerge from its difficulties and under new conditions, renew its triumphs.

The Government of India has decided to re-introduce the Public Safety (Removal from India) Bill at the forthcoming session of the Legislative Assembly. It will be recalled that the Bill was rejected by the Legislative Assembly in September, after the President had given his casting vote against it on a tie in voting.

After a discussion at Washington lasting for three days, the Senate by 54 votes to 27 has confirmed the nomination of Mr. Roy O. West, the well-known Chicago lawyer, as Secretary for the Interior.

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MOTOR NOTES

HOW THE ENGINE ACTS AS A BRAKE.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN DESCENDING HILLS.

The action of the engine in retarding a car when the throttle is closed is a very well-known phenomenon, but just why a braking action is produced is not by any means fully understood. Some people, for example, will tell you that the compression in the cylinders tends to prevent the pistons from moving, and therefore brakes the car as a whole, but others will refute this assertion by pointing out that, although work is done in compressing the gases, an equal amount of energy is returned to the piston on the following stroke when the gases expand.

Before commencing to describe what is happening to the various working parts when the car is driving the engine, it will be as well to point out that there are several different ways of using the power unit as a brake. First of all there is the common practice, when it is desired to slow down, of removing the foot from the accelerator pedal, so that but little gas can enter the cylinders and the explosions become very weak. The engine still fires regularly, but it is being forced to turn faster than its idling speed by the momentum of the car.

Switching Off.

The next case to consider is represented by the course adopted by some drivers when descending long hills—*i.e.*, closing the throttle and switching off the ignition. Lastly, there is the method of switching off and opening the throttle wide to increase the compression pressure; alternatively, if an extra-air valve is fitted, the throttle is closed and the valve opened wide, which has a very similar effect.

In order to show the degree of braking obtained in these various circumstances, some tests were made with a well-known 10 h.p. light car under the three conditions described above, and also, as a comparison, with the clutch disengaged so that the car slowed down simply under the influence of friction in the wheel bearings and transmission.

In each case measurements were taken showing the distance which was covered from the commencement of the test, at 30 m.p.h., to the instant at which the speed had decreased to 10 m.p.h. All tests were made over one and the same stretch of level road and in the same direction on each occasion; there was no wind.

With the clutch out, the car coasted 329 yards before the speed fell to 10 m.p.h., whereas, with the clutch in, the distance measured was 230 yards. The difference in these two distances was, of course, entirely caused by the braking effect of the idling engine. In the next test, with the engine switched off, the distance was reduced still further (to 200 yards), and, finally, by opening the throttle wide and switching off, the maximum braking effect was obtained and the distance decreased to 190 yards.

Inside The Engine.

Turning to what is going on inside the engine, let us first consider the conditions when the car is coasting with the engine switched off and the throttle nearly closed. On the upward stroke of each piston gases are compressed and a definite braking effect is obtained, but on the following stroke the gases expand and help to drive the piston downwards.

However, it is incorrect to say that the energy returned on the second stroke is exactly equal to the work expended on the gases during compression, because there is a slight difference, due to the heat which is lost through the cylinder walls. On the exhaust stroke there will be a slight back pressure tending to retard the piston and, on the following suction stroke, the considerable vacuum formed in the cylinder will also have a braking effect.

If the throttle is opened wide, with the engine switched off, the result is to allow a bigger quantity of gas to enter the cylinder, so that a somewhat greater heat loss occurs during compression and the back pressure on the exhaust stroke is slightly increased. On the other hand, the vacuum during the induction stroke is not so great, so that there is but little difference in braking effect, taking the cycle as a whole.

Piston Friction.

Far more important than the passage of the gases through the cylinders, however, is the friction set up by working parts of the engine, such as the pistons and bearings. Of these the pistons are the more important, because conditions are not favourable to lubrication.

Whenever there is a load on the piston and the connecting rod is at an angle to the line of stroke, there is a tendency for the piston to be thrust sideways against the cylinder walls, thereby increasing the friction. Consequently, by opening the throttle, the piston load and side thrust are increased, so that a greater frictional effect is obtained. The difference is, however, relatively small.

However, there is a very good reason for opening the throttle (or, preferably, employing an extra-air valve), quite apart from the slight improvement in braking effect. On the suction stroke, when the throttle is nearly closed, a pressure difference of as much as 7 lb. per sq. in. may exist between the upper and lower surfaces of the piston, so that there is a great tendency for oil to be pushed up past the rings into the combustion space. It is quite a common experience to have trouble with oiled-up plugs if one coasts down a long hill with the engine turning at a high speed and with the throttle nearly closed, the reason for this phenomenon being found in the passage of oil past the pistons.

Turning to the case in which the switch is left "on" but the throttle is closed, the main difference between the internal conditions which then exist and those which obtain when the engine is idling is found on the expansion stroke. Here, instead of the compressed gases expanding gently as the piston falls, a weak explosion occurs which assists in driving the piston downwards to an extent partially dependent upon the speed of the engine.

It will, however, be noticed that the difference in the distance recorded with the switch "on" and "off" was only 15 per cent. Incidentally, the possibility of oil passing the pistons is just as great when the switch is "on," because the conditions on the suction stroke are practically unchanged.

Another point is that if the engine be allowed to run switched off without using an extra-air valve, an explosive mixture is apt to be stored in the exhaust pipe and silencer, which may explode and do considerable damage when the engine commences to fire again and hot exhaust gases are emitted.

Loads Due To Inertia.

So far, we have only considered the loads on the piston and connecting rod occasioned by the gases in the cylinder, but it does not do to forget the effects of inertia. At each end of the stroke the weight represented by the piston, gudgeon pin and upper part of the connecting rod has to be brought to rest and re-started in the opposite direction, and this necessitates the application of considerable force at high speeds. Indeed, in the majority of engines the inertia load is apt to become almost as great as the explosive load at speeds in excess of 2,500 r.p.m.

Consequently, if the driver's foot is suddenly lifted from the accelerator pedal, when the car is travelling at a high speed, the inertia loads on the pistons create side thrusts, which, in turn, produce considerable frictional resistance. This falls off rapidly, however, as the speed decreases, until finally only the loads due to the gases are operative.

OIL DETERIORATION.

IMPURITIES WHICH RENDER PERIODICAL DRAINAGE ESSENTIAL.

All car manufacturers recommend that the oil be drained periodically from the engine sump and replaced with a fresh supply, and as a rule motorists faithfully carry out the instructions. While realizing that the reason for this procedure is the deterioration of the lubricant, many owners, however, probably do not appreciate the exact manner in which the oil is rendered unsuitable for further use, and it is thought that these brief notes may be of interest. The impurities present in waste lubricating oil from car engine sumps may conveniently be grouped under two headings: (1) In solution, and (2) in suspension; it is proposed to deal with them in this order.

Impurities In Solution.

Oil which has been in use for even a short time invariably contains dissolved petrol, which reduces the viscosity of the lubricant to such an extent that it ceases to be suitable for further service. Normally, the pollution occurs during the induction stroke, when some of the fuel, which is in the form of a very fine spray, comes in contact with, and is absorbed by, the film of oil on the cylinder walls. On the downward combustion stroke of the piston much of this oil is exposed to the heat of the burning gases, and the dissolved petrol in it is volatilized and burnt. A small portion of the contaminated lubricant, however, is returned to the crankcase by the scraping action of the piston rings, and thus does not come in contact with the high-temperature gases, with the result that it retains a small quantity of petrol. As the oil in the sump circulates it continues to take up more and more fuel in this manner, and although undoubtedly some of the lighter constituents are volatilized by the heat, the total percentage of dissolved spirit gradually increases. At the same time a small amount of light spirit is produced by the "cracking" of the engine oil itself, and this, combined with the absorbed fuel, even in comparatively small quantities, reduces the "body" or viscosity of the lubricant to an alarming extent.

In the case of the particular oil dealt with the presence of only 5 per cent. of petrol reduced the viscosity, measured at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, from 98 to less than 50, while 10 per cent. of dissolved spirit resulted in a drop to approximately 25.

It is obvious that if an oil with a viscosity of 98 is the most suitable for use in a particular engine, one having a considerably lower figure cannot be expected to provide efficient lubrication, and it follows that, if the car owner fails to drain the crankcase regularly and replenish with fresh oil, trouble in the form of overheating and badly worn bearings will be encountered.

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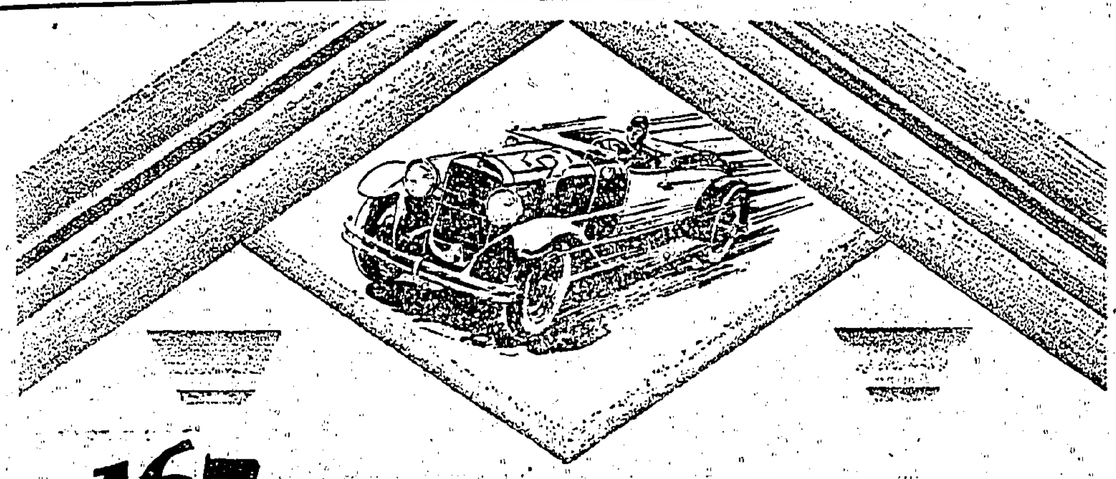

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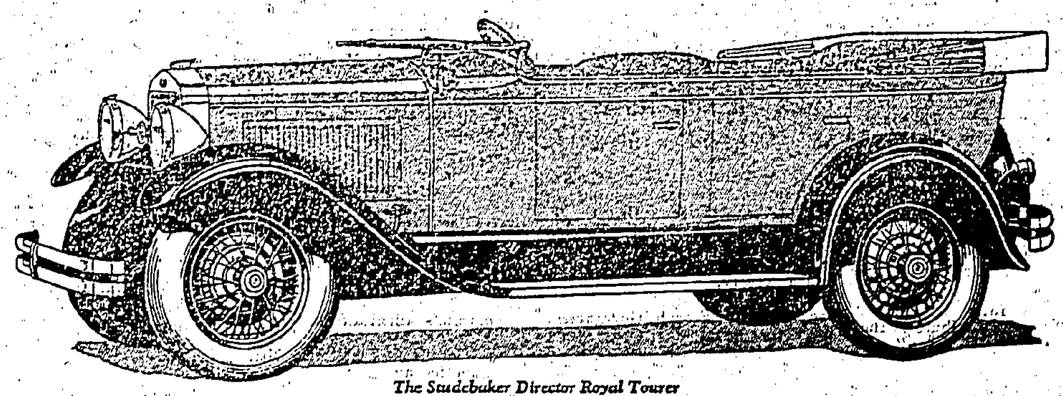

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MOTOR NOTES (CONTD.)

OIL DETERIORATION.

(Continued from Page 8.)

Danger Of Introducing Liquid Petrol.

With a normal engine correctly driven and maintained in good condition the percentage of dissolved light petroleum found in the waste oil rarely exceeds 4 per cent., but this figure may be higher if the owner neglects the manufacturer's instructions with regard to periodic replenishments, or uses a heavy commercial motor spirit, particularly in cold weather, or too liberally "primes" his engine to obtain an easy start in the winter time. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that to introduce an unduly large amount of liquid petrol to the cylinders, either directly through compression taps or by excessive carburetter flooding, not only defeats its object by making the mixture in the combustion space too rich to burn, but it results in the passage of liquid spirit into the crankcase. Failure to attend to one or other of these precautions undoubtedly accounted for the large percentages of petrol which the author found in a number of used oils recently submitted to him for examination. Out of eleven samples, seven contained more than 3 per cent. of dissolved light hydrocarbons, three more than 10 per cent., and one the remarkable amount of 43 per cent.

Possibility Of Choked Oilways.

Many of the lubricating oils in use to-day contain "fatty oils," which, while they give excellent results, particularly in high-speed engines, introduce another reason for periodic sump drainage. Repeated exposure of the oil in thin films to the heat existing in the cylinders results in the production of oxidation products of a gummy, glutinous nature, which if present in any considerable proportion may cause serious trouble by choking oilways and preventing the free circulation of the lubricant. The sticking of valve-stems in their guides is frequently caused by such compounds. No trouble will be experienced with these blended oils provided the usual care is taken to drain the sump at regular intervals.

Many lubricants of purely mineral origin contain minute quantities of resin-like substances, the proportion of which increases after prolonged exposure to high temperatures, and if the oil in which this matter is dissolved is retained in use for an unduly long period its lubricating properties may be seriously impaired.

Impurities In Suspension.

The dirty appearance of waste engine oil is due almost entirely to the presence of suspended matter in such a fine state of division that it is not removed readily by sedimentation. It consists largely of minute particles of carbon produced in the cylinder-head by the partial burning of the lubricant and is conveyed to the crankcase through the medium of the returned oil. So finely powdered is most of this carbonaceous matter that it cannot be separated by filtration through the most closely woven gauze filters obtainable, and on account of this fact and its non-abrasive nature, its presence has little deleterious effect on the lubricating properties of the oil.

These remarks do not apply, however, to other foreign solids found in all waste engine lubricants, such as particles of iron worn from cylinder walls and piston rings, aluminium dust from the interior of crankcase and bronze powder from bearings. The presence of these impurities is harmful enough, but the writer many years ago found quite an appreciable quantity of moulding sand in the oil drained from a new car after a few hundred miles' running! This was probably secreted in a "pocket" in the metal and overlooked during inspection before erection. The discovery confirmed the writer's opinion that the engine sump and gearbox of a new car should be drained for the first time after a very small mileage; even if the presence of such an unusual substance as foundry sand is extremely unlikely, there will be found an appreciable amount of finely divided metal the removal of which is highly desirable.

Normally only a very small quantity of water is found in the used oil, and as it is usually present as minute globules, often it is not noticed. It is probably produced by the condensation of moisture in the form of dew in the cylinders when the car is standing in a cold garage when the atmosphere is moist. Should more than a small amount be found a leaking water-jacket gasket is obviously to blame, and steps should be taken to remedy the fault, otherwise trouble may be experienced with the oil pump and filter.

Conclusions.

Some car owners endeavour to practise economy by draining the waste oil from the crankcase into tins, and after allowing the suspended matter to settle by standing undisturbed for a considerable time, to use the supernatant oil again. A consideration of the facts given above with regard to dissolved impurities will show that this procedure will not eliminate the principal contaminating substances, and is, therefore, to be condemned. It is possible, however, that before many years have elapsed all cars, other than the cheapest "cut-priced" models, will be fitted with a device which will separate the dissolved petrol from the oil by a continuous distillation system. Oil "rectifiers" have been used in America for some time. When every car has a petrol-oil separator incorporated in the design the chief reason for draining crankcases will disappear.

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IMPROVED WINDSCREEN WIPER.

The type of windscreen wiper which is operated by the suction of the engine is deservedly popular owing to its simplicity and reliability, but most of these instruments suffer from a slight disadvantage, when fitted to a small high-speed engine, in that they will not function at or near full throttle. When the throttle is opened the area available for the passage of the mixture into the engine is increased and the degree of vacuum obtained is reduced. Consequently, the wiper is apt to cease functioning when the engine is "all out."

With a view to remedying this defect a very ingenious fitment has been brought out by the O.S. Speedometer Co.

The device consists of a venturi tube, similar in principle to the choke tube of a carburetter, but smaller in size, and an transverse passage connected to the most restricted part of the venturi throat is adapted for coupling to the windscreen wiper. When the engine is running, air is continually drawn through the venturi, and the air speed attains a maximum at the restricted throat.

By a well-known physical law the absolute pressure of the air varies inversely as the velocity, because, as the speed increases, part of the pressure energy is converted into kinetic energy. Consequently, the pressure at the throat—which affects the wiper—is a great deal less than the pressure obtaining at the point where the venturi communicates with the inlet manifold. In the O.S. intensifier the parts are so proportioned that the depression available to work the wiper is double that which ordinarily obtains.

The device is well made and easy to fit; it should prove a very useful fitment to those using suction-operated windscreen wipers.

FILIPINO REPUBLICANS.

TO-MORROW'S CELEBRATIONS.

Manila, Jan. 22nd (U.P.).—A two-day celebration of the 30th anniversary of the short-lived Philippine Republic will open to-morrow in several towns which figured largely in the events of 1899.

Members of the Philippine Veterans' Association will be chief participants in the ceremonies, which will consist largely of parades, military formations, and speeches in which tribute will be paid both to the Philippines and to the United States.

In past years General Emilio Aguinaldo, head of the Association, has taken a leading part in the observances. This year General Aguinaldo is starting for the United States on a visit in the latter part of this month, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to participate, though members of his former staff will be assigned major roles.

Malolos, not far from Manila, is traditionally the scene of the most elaborate observances in connection with the republican festivities. Philippine and American flags and other decorations are being arranged there, and in Orani and other small towns which are unimportant throughout the rest of the year but highly important for historical reasons at this time.

Though the observance has firm sentimental hold upon many of the veterans who participate, the existing friendly relations between the Filipinos and the United States prevents the republican celebration from assuming an atmosphere in any way hostile to American administration of the Islands.

CINEMA NEWS.

"THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES."

TO-DAY AT THE QUEEN'S.

D. W. Griffith's latest big production "The Battle of the Sexes," is built upon the theme of a modern "gold-digger" who wrecks a man's home and steals the man himself. Throughout the story there is a strong current of humour in the capable hands of Phyllis Haver as the vamp. Jean Hersholt, as the erring father, is said to be ideally cast and gives a remarkable performance in his difficult role. D. W. Griffith has directed the picture with his customary skill. Among the cast are Don Alvarado, Sally O'Neil and Belle Bennett.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE ABOUT CRITICISM.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I read with great interest your critic's report upon the performance given by the Coyne Company in the Star Theatre, and was particularly pleased with his candid remarks in the first three paragraphs. Just as he—I presume the article was written by a gentleman—was opening out upon a favourite theme of Hong Kongites, he switched right off his topic and gave us a brief review of the performance.

He is perfectly correct when he says that we have to endure, without protest, any form of entertainment which the managements see fit to inflict upon us. As there are seldom two theatrical companies in the Colony at one time, we must either pay through the nose to see what may be merely second-class "pierrot" troupes, or stay away and forego our scanty pleasures.

For this, I blame the Press. It is very galling to a person who has been bored stiff by third-rate "barn-stormers" to read glowing eulogies of them in the papers. One is frequently forced to the conclusion that the majority of the reporters in the Colony have no idea of what a really good show should be like.

Or, on the other hand, have they not sufficient courage to tell the truth on occasion and say—when circumstances warrant—"The performance was rotten!"—Yours, etc.,

L. T. P.

Kowloon, Jan. 22nd, 1929.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—"H.A.F." says that "most theatrical companies who open fire in the Colony do so with two distinct advantages. They can adopt a take-it-or-leave-it attitude . . . and the majority of us have got so much out of touch with the London stage that it is doubtful if we are capable of appreciating or deprecating local performances. We can only feel thankful, as a rule, for small mercies."

I agree with the writer to a certain extent, but feel that he is a little too hard upon us. Many of us are able to get a glimpse of the Old Country from time to time, and many more have not been so long from home that they have drifted into an aboriginal state when they cannot detect the bad from the good. Besides, there are gramaphones and wireless to keep us up to date.

"H.A.F." is perfectly correct, however, in his first statement. I have been to local shows and heard artistes who would not be permitted upon any respectable seaside pier at home but would probably be chased off the beach altogether. Yet I have had to pay as much to hear the performance as would entitle me to a seat in the Royal box at Drury Lane theatre!

That would not be so bad if the Press did not give such glowing reports of the performances. Even "H.A.F." apparently, did not care to give full vent to his feelings, for his report finished up with the usual display of "back scratching." Yours, etc.,

T. PENTLAND.

Hong Kong, Jan. 22nd, 1929.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a critique of a recent concert organised by local composers at the Helena May Institute, whih appeared in your columns, and to the letters signed "Another Mus. Bac." and "Colindale" which appeared subsequently.

I am heartily in agreement with the sentiments expressed in the letters. By all means let us have outspoken criticism of musical performances. Recent instances have occurred of performances by amateurs, in which a complete lack of adequate rehearsal and preparation has been only too painfully evident. This sort of thing is not fair to the public, even in the cause of charity.

As regards the critique of this particular concert, however, I am at a loss to understand how anyone signing himself "Mus. Bac." could possibly commence criticising a new trio with the words "avoiding too many discords."

Surely "Mus. Bac." must agree that discords and their successful resolution form the chief harmonic interest in modern music!

Has he ever written any concerted music himself, and if so, does it consist chiefly of concords?

One does not expect constructive criticism of a work of this nature at a first hearing, but really—"avoiding too many discords!" "Mus. Bac."; this savours of the "satisfactorily rendered" brigade. —Yours, etc.,

CRITIC.

Hong Kong, January 22nd, 1929.

THE CLAIMS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Last night's lecturer was amazingly modest. Why did he not tell us that Christian Scientists are able to solve the unemployment problem, and act as veterinary surgeons with great success? Pill-doctors may occasionally be able to cure a cold or a stomach-ache, but they cannot get jobs for the workless or cure dogs of the effects of snake-bite, nor can they—with all their knowledge of Materia Medica—tell when to sell real estate at a handsome profit. It is said that Christian Science enables one to do all these things, although the lecturer omitted to tell us so. I wonder why?—Yours, etc.

N. B.

Hong Kong, Jan. 22nd, 1929.

MRS. EDDY AND DR. QUIMBY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—May I be allowed to point out to your readers that the clinical brand of Christianity which has just been the subject of a public lecture here in Hong Kong did not originate with Mrs. Eddy at all, but with one Phineas P. Quimby, who actually coined the phrase "Christian Science." Quimby was a quack who treated Mrs. Eddy for gastric trouble, and she wrote to him to say:—"Your angel-visit has removed all my stomach-pain." It was from Quimby that Mrs. Eddy got most of those weird ideas which are developed in that amazing book "Science and Health," although of course neither she nor her followers would ever confess the fact. Quimby's removal of Mrs. Eddy's stomach-ache is probably the first instance of "absent treatment" on record—and is probably just as authentic as the later stories of similar cures.

Just a word about Christian Science "lectures." The Board of Lectureships is composed of men whose lectures are rigidly censored by the Boston oligarchy, and they may not change a word of their addresses once these have been approved. No questions may be put to the lecturer by sceptics in the audience. Every Christian Science church must have at least one "lecture" every year, and pay for the privilege of having it. Other than the allegedly inspired books of Mrs. Eddy, these lectures are the only means by which the public can get authoritative information about the cult founded by Quimby but "cribbed" by Mother Eddy. Whether anybody derives any real satisfaction from reading such stereotyped lectures is another matter. Certainly there is very little to be found in Mr. Booth's address which would encourage one to investigate the subject—but perhaps investigation is not encouraged.—Yours, etc.

H.

Hong Kong, Jan. 22nd, 1929.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER TO-NIGHT.

The St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association Annual Dinner is to be held at the College Hall to-night at 7.30 p.m. After dinner, a concert will be given and the Serenaders will supply the necessary music. The catering is in the hands of the Savoy Hotel, and Mr. P. Hing Kee has prepared a very nice menu.

Opportunity will be taken to offer congratulations to the President of the Association, Mr. J. P. Braga, in honour of his recent appointment to the Legislative Council. It is hoped that all past pupils of the College will attend so as to make the function a success.

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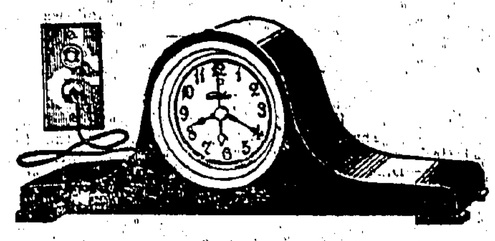

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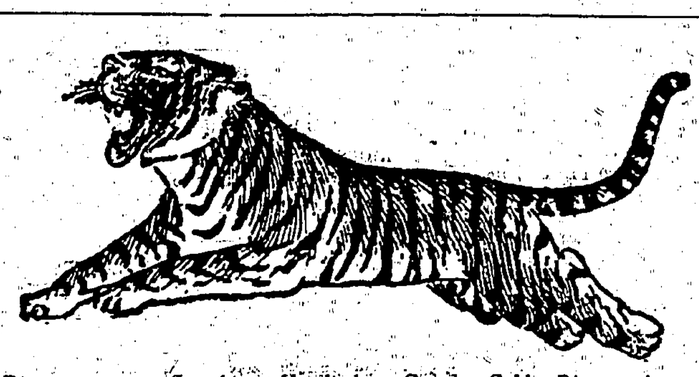

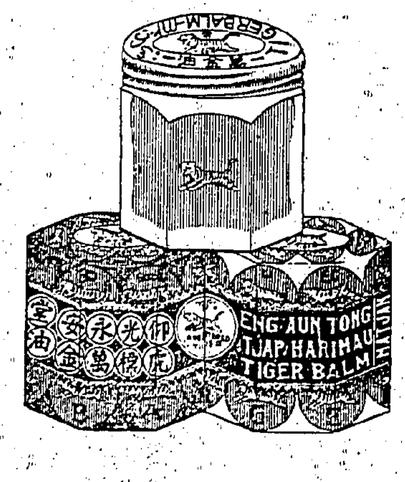

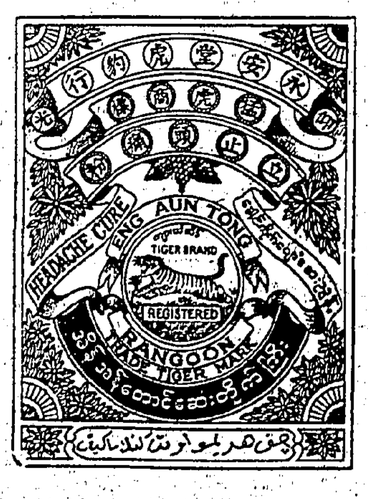

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held on SATURDAY, the 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON at the CITY HALL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that A FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the CORPORATION will be held on SATURDAY, the 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1929, at 12.45 in the AFTERNOON, at the Same Place, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the above mentioned Meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

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EXHIBITION BILLIARDS.

CHAMPION OF THE COLONY OUTPLAYED.

FAULKINER MAKES A BREAK OF 375.

Mr. A. J. Osmund, the billiard champion of the Colony, was hardly in his best form when he met Mr. Claude Faulkiner in an exhibition game of 800 up at the Palace Hotel last night. He was left with only 99 at the end of the game.

Faulkiner raised his score to 185, which included breaks of 78 and 44. Osmund was then 47, one of his visits yielding a little over 20. A long sustained break on nursery cannons was then made by Faulkiner. When he had made 181, he was obliged to pocket the red, and getting them together again at the top of the table he finished his break with 257.

The local champion met with bad luck by missing a cannon by a hair's breadth at the end of a break of 49 which gave him a total of 99, against 591 by his opponent.

Needing 209 for game, Faulkiner ran out in his next visit, being greeted with much applause when he increased his break to 375 before he failed.

It was noticed during the game that never once did the opponent's ball remain in baulk while Faulkiner held the cue. This occurred for the first time after he had scored 62 more than his 800, and even then he brought them together with some seemingly impossible strokes.

The exhibition match was followed by a snooker game, fancy and trick shots, which were much appreciated by the large number of spectators present.

RUGBY.

TO-MORROW'S INTERPORT TRIAL.

The first Interport Rugby Trial will be played to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 5 p.m. at Happy Valley between the Club and The Army. The Army are fielding a powerful side and the Club will be at approximately full strength.

Club:—J. Ride, L. Goldman, V. W. L. Stanion (or R. J. Greive), H. V. Koop, M. D. Scott, C. D. Wales (or V. W. L. Stanion), J. L. Bonnar, P. L. P. Thomas, H. F. Akehurst, W. Leckie (or W. Beveridge), J. Riddell, E. R. West, W. Lithgow Smith, R. P. Moodie and B. P. Massey.

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Referee: H. L. F. Ewin.

Reserve: J. Merry.

HOCKEY.

LADIES H.C. v. DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club against the Diocesan Girls' School on the School ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—

F. Stevenson, E. S. Laing, F. Cousins, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, B Taylor, I. C. Bell, C. Furgeson, D. Stanion, P. Goodall, M. J. Jarvis.

Reserve: E. J. Coppin.

There will be an Interclub match on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground at King's Park, at 3 p.m., the two teams being represented by the following ladies:—

J. Andrews, B. Baker, M. Bird, A. Cressy, M. Hansen, G. Heard, M. King, N. McNeillie, A. Owen Hughes, M. Russell, C. Robertson, E. Russell, E. Tassartez, M. Russell, M. Riggs, A. Steel, A. Steele, M. Wallace, J. Whyte, A. C. Way, Mrs. Webber, and E. Adair.

Reserve: E. Blackburn, M McCabe.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

Kick off at 4.30 p.m. on Hong Kong F.C. ground, Selected Team *v.* United Services.

At the close of the game the Selection Committee will meet to discuss the probable players to represent Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Interport game on Monday, February 11th.

The time is getting short practically a fortnight, and the selected players should be able to get together for at least a couple of games before the Interport match.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

MIDDLESBOROUGH AND MILLWALL THROUGH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

The third meeting of Millwall and Northampton in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup Competition, took place to-day on the Arsenal's ground, Highbury, Millwall running out winners by 2 goals to *nil*.

Middlesborough beat Walsall in their re-play at Middlesborough, scoring five goals to one.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL COMFORTS COMMITTEE.

EXTRA COMFORTS FOR SICK SERVICE MEN.

HOW THE BALANCE WILL BE SPENT.

The following statement has been made on behalf of the above Committee by the Chairman, Mr. E. Ralphs:—

Immediately before leaving the Colony on 28th April last I reported to the Government as below:—

"The emergency hospitals having now been closed, and the hospital ship Maine and hospital transport Assaye being no longer in these waters, it has been decided by the Hospital Comforts Committee that there is no need for the Committee to continue to function. The accounts have accordingly been closed and audited, a credit balance of $1,719.29 being shown.

"With reference to stores and comforts, both Surgeon-Captain Keir, R.N., Royal Naval Hospital in Hong Kong, and Colonel Bostock, Senior Medical Officer, South China Command, report that all stores should be regarded as non-returnable, the latter Officer adding 'non-expendable gifts which are not in use are stored in anticipation of its becoming necessary to expand our hospital accommodation in the near future.' With this view the Committee has agreed.

Lady Clementi, a member of the Committee, organised parties of ladies who throughout the year regularly visited the H.S. Maine and General Military Hospital in Kowloon, and distributed flowers and literature to the patients. This attention was very greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Southorn, with a Committee of ladies, made a large number of net-covers and other useful articles, while various residents of the Colony regularly sent gifts of books and periodicals, which were duly distributed. It may be recorded that before the emergency hospitals closed the Naval and Military Authorities concerned, including the matrons of the hospitals, expressed their gratitude for the help given by the Committee and stated that everything they could possibly wish for had been supplied.

I beg to suggest that a report as above be now presented to the British Red Cross Society as being the largest subscriber to the funds of the Committee, and that the Society be asked to give instructions as to the disposal of the credit balance of $1,719.29.

I take this opportunity of expressing my very cordial thanks to all members of the Committee, and especially to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Morris, for their very valuable services. I attach statement of accounts, with list of "comforts" supplied, and names of members of the Committee.

Sd. E RALPHS,
Chairman.

Disposal Of The Balance.

A letter embodying the terms of this report was sent to the British Red Cross Society by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, who added, with reference to the credit balance of $1,719.29:—

"It is suggested that it might be distributed in equal shares to the Naval and Military Authorities, for the purchase of such hospital luxuries and comforts as are not ordinarily available to the private or seaman."

"We Gladly Concur."

The reply to this, from the British Red Cross Society, was:—

"We gladly concur in your suggestion."

The sum of $1,719.29 was accordingly divided equally between the Naval and Military Medical Authorities, due acknowledgment being made by Surgeon Captain W. W. Keir, R.N., on behalf of the Royal Naval Hospital, and Col. Bostock, R.A.M.C., Senior Medical Officer, South China Command.

The account is now closed, and no further action is called for.

"I beg to tender once more my very cordial thanks to all members of the Committee, says Mr. Ralphs in conclusion, "and especially to Mr. Morris, the Hon. Secretary, for their very valuable services."

The Auditor's Report.

Receipts:—

Donation, British Red Cross Society, £500 at 2/0.11-16	$4,860.76
Donation, British Red Cross Society, per S.M.O. South China Command	1,540.60
"Anonymous Britisher"	1,000.00
Kowloon Cricket Club	400.00
Collection, St. John's Cathedral	200.37
Interest on c/a., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	62.85
	$8,064.58
Expenditure, purchases	6,345.29
Balance	$1,719.29

Balance disposed of thus:—

To Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong	$ 859.65
To Military Hospitals, Hong Kong	859.64
	$1,719.29

There were no "working expenses."

THE LAW OF POSSESSION.

ONUS ON CROWN TO PROVE CASE.

INDIAN INFORMER NOT GUILTY.

Yesterday morning at the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice P. Jacks, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr. made a strong appeal to the jury in the case in which Kham Singh, an Indian Police informer, was charged with the possession of 89 forged bank-notes, of $10 denomination similar to those issued by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Stressing the law of possession he said that possession could either be "constructive" or actual "physical" possession. In any case it was not sufficient for the prosecution to say that they had found such and such a thing in a person's possession. It had to be proved to the hilt that the person indicted on such a charge had possession "knowingly and wilfully."

If the jury were to allow themselves to be convinced by circumstantial evidence of the kind tendered in this case, it would be a source of danger to everyone. There would be nothing to prevent anyone from "planting" spurious notes, illicit dope or arms, under one's bed. The danger would not only exist in hotels, but in one's residence as well.

Kham Singh, it will be remembered, was arrested at the Tai Law Tin Boarding House on December 19th last year following a search made by Det.-Insp. Lane in company with other police officers. Under the mattress of a bed occupied by prisoner, the spurious notes were discovered. With these notes were two cartridges, which prisoner claimed as his own. He, however, denied that the notes were his and said that he had no knowledge how they came to be there.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who conducted the case for the prosecution, called a Chinese hotel room boy, who deposed that the prisoner had never left the hotel premises during the two days he was staying there.

Prisoner's story was to the effect that as a police informer he got in touch with a Chinese named Wong Yat Yue, who was staying in the Tai Law Tin hotel. Wong had asked him to call and said that he was about to make a deal in arms. Prisoner went and stayed there on the night of December 17th. On the following day, he showed the two bullets to Wong and asked him if he could include that in the deal. They also went over to Yaumati on that day to interview a Chinese in connection with the proposed arms deal. After that, prisoner left them and went to see an Indian friend in Kowloon. He stayed there up to ten o'clock that night and returned to the hotel. Next morning he was arrested.

Dr. Niranjan Singh, who held a Viceroy's commission in the Indian Army, and who is attached to the Indian Military Hospital, said that prisoner went to see him on December 18th, at 7 p.m., and left at 10 p.m. He had known the prisoner from childhood.

The Defence.

This closed the case for the defence, and in addressing the jury, Counsel for the defence, after the remarks already quoted, reviewed the facts of the case at some length. He said that although the hotel boy was most emphatic that the prisoner had never left the hotel, there was the possibility of his being honestly mistaken. The defence had, in fact, called a respectable officer of the Indian Army to show that prisoner did call on him on December 18th, and stayed there till 10 p.m.

The prisoner had given a very straight-forward account of his movements. The Crown, on their part had not succeeded in proving the case against the prisoner. They only presumed that the notes were his, just because they were found under a mattress of a bed in which the prisoner slept for one night. The strongest point which the Crown had was that the notes were found together with the two cartridges which prisoner claimed as his own. As to that the prisoner had said that he gave the two bullets to Wong Yat Yue on the morning of December 18th and had asked Wong to include that in the deal.

What had probably taken place was that Wong, having discovered that prisoner was a police informer, planned to get even with him and to save himself. Wong could very well have left those notes there, with the cartridges, and then got someone to give the information to the Police, on which the search was made.

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Counsel then cited several decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeal, London, in which it was laid down that before a prisoner could be convicted of possession, it must be proved that that person had knowingly and wilfully placed himself in possession.

Reply For The Crown.

Replying for the Crown, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the prisoner had been very vague in his explanation of how the notes had come to be there. There was abundant grounds for the jury to presume that the notes were there with the prisoner's knowledge. It was most unlikely that anyone would have left the notes because he had a grudge against prisoner. "Wong" would have kept them, despite the fact they were not genuine.

The jury retired for about twenty minutes before returning a verdict of "Not Guilty."

Prisoner was accordingly discharged.

SUN CHUAN FANG IN PRIVATE LIFE.

FORMER RULER OF FIVE PROVINCES.

VIEWS ON CHINA'S FUTURE.

A Sun Chuan Fang who has foresworn resort to arms, who has become persuaded that fighting is futile and the salvation of China lies in truth and education; a courtly Chinese gentleman who sat unobtrusively in the corner of the observation car of the train from Mukden to Dairen, with nothing to indicate who he was or what he had once been, discoursing intelligently on modern movements and reading Pailing's "Freedom of Thought": this was the picture of the late ruler of five provinces, with Shanghai as his capital, presented in an interview by Mr. W. E. Comerford. Mr. Comerford returned *vid* Siberia last month, and it was while journeying between Mukden and Dairen in the train that he had a long conversation with Marshal Sun.

Mr. Comerford had noticed a Chinese gentleman being ushered to his seat in the observation car as the train lay in Mukden station. The man looked quiet and intelligent and this moved the foreigner to open a conversation. The subject was the political condition of the country, after a mutual exchange of names. The foreigner discoursed on the appearance presented to the foreign eye by the actions of Chinese militarists and politicians; of them he had little good to say. There had been one in Shanghai, he pointed out to his visitor—a general named Sun Chuan Fang—who has shown signs of higher ideals than many.

Deprecates Unconscious Flattery.

Having caught no more than the name Sun in the original exchange of compliments, Mr. Comerford was not surprised to find his protagonist dissenting or appearing to do so from the views expressed. With the pleasing prospect of being able to indulge in a friendly discussion over the merits or demerits of Marshal Sun, the foreigner elaborated his praise. Still the dissenting mumble. The foreigner warmed to his argument. He quoted various actions of the general in Shanghai, compared them with others of the present rulers, and delivered his judgment very much in favour of Sun Chuan Fang.

"But I am Sun Chuan Fang," interrupted the other in pardonable confusion over the eulogy.

It was fortunate that the foreigner's appearance of being taken aback at the news, his apologies and regrets, made any thought that he had deliberately flattered the retired chieftain out of the question. His apologies were accepted and the two continued their conversation on an intimate footing, as friends. The Marshal then delivered himself of the opinions quoted above.

Peace—For A While!

In an interesting discussion of the present political position, Sun Chuan Fang stated that in his belief there would be no more civil war for the next three or four years. The prospects are by no means clear, according to the Marshal. There still exist very real differences between North and South and he considers that these will be put to the test of war within the next few years, as at present neither side possesses the means for prosecuting warfare successfully.

Marshal Sun proposes to visit Europe and the United States this summer. He intends to spend nine months in this tour, six months in Britain, a month on the Continent, and the rest in the United States. At present he is taking no active part in politics, but expressed himself keen on getting foreign capital to invest in Manchuria. He is ardently pro-British in his outlook, Mr. Comerford gathered, and an admirer of Sir Sidney Barton, to whom he sent his warm regards.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

BURGLARS IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER JEWELLERY STORE.

NOISE AWAKES INMATES.

With Chinese New Year close at hand, hardened criminals of the underworld and petty thieves are becoming active. Several attempted armed robberies and thefts have been reported during the past few days, and more have come to notice.

The first attempt this season to raid a jewellery store in Queen's Road Central, where large hauls have been made in past years, was made early yesterday morning, but fortunately for the establishment concerned the occupants were aroused from their sleep while attempts to gain access were in progress.

Messrs. Wing Nam and Company, jewellers, of No. 65, Queen's Road Central, near the Pottinger Street junction, closed their establishment as usual on Monday night, their staff sleeping on the premises. At about 4.30 yesterday morning, one of them heard the noise of an attempt to force open the door from the street. He woke the others to make an investigation when the burglars—it is thought that there was more than one man concerned—abandoned their work and made their escape.

On opening the wooden door leading to the shop, it was noticed that the burglars had been hard at work on the sliding steel door outside the wooden one. The lock of this has been forced open, and the burglars were attempting to break open the wooden door when the timely discovery was made.

EUROPEANS ROBBED IN KOWLOON.

Two thefts from European residences in Kowloon were reported to the police yesterday, investigations in regard to which are proceeding.

Mrs. E. H. Locke, an American lady, who lives at No. 4, Victoria Gardens, was out shopping between 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. On her return to her residence she discovered that some person had entered her bedroom.

A quantity of clothing, a string of jade beads, and an ivory medallion were missing. The value of the stolen goods is $125.

Mr. E. P. Fletcher, who lives at "Harbour View" in Chatham Road, was robbed while he was asleep. The thief entered by a verandah door which was left open during the night. A leather wallet containing $12 in money was stolen.

RAID ON A NUNNERY.

Last week a gang of eight armed men raided the Che Chok Lin Nunnery at Au Tau in the New Territories and stole property valued at over $100. A report was made to the police and the various stations were informed.

On Sunday night certain information was conveyed to Wong Lau, the head Chinese detective at Yaumati, and he traced the suspects to a house in Shamshuipo. A raid was carried out on Monday morning and some stolen property was found. Several men on the premises were taken into custody. The nunnery inmates will be called in to inspect the property found by the police.

THEFT FROM CANTON ROAD.

At 7 o'clock on Monday morning an amah who works at No. 632, Canton Road, found the verandah door open, though it had been bolted overnight. This was found to be the work of a thief who had entered the floor and got away with a gold watch and chain and other valuables, whose total value was $87.

KOWLOON SNATCHING CASE.

KOWLOON STORE COOLIE INVOLVED.

A young Chinese employed at the Kowloon Store, Nathan Road, as a delivery coolie, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of snatching a hand-bag from Miss Monteiro in Cox's Path on Monday morning.

Miss Monteiro said that she was walking along Cox's Path at about 10 a.m. and nearing the Kowloon Cricket Club, she was passed by the defendant. Almost immediately afterwards someone snatched her hand-bag. She gave chase but lost sight of the man in Jordan Road. A report was made to the police, and on returning to her home Miss Monteiro saw the defendant in Chi Wo Street and had him arrested.

The manager and accountant of the Kowloon Store gave evidence of good character on behalf of the defendant.

The Magistrate dismissed the defendant and remarked that although the complainant might be certain in her own mind that the defendant was the man who snatched the bag, he could not convict on the evidence of one witness.

STRANGE PIRACY CASE.

WAS WRONG MAN IMPRISONED?

FALLACY OF IDENTIFICATION PARADE.

The case against Ho Fu charged with having pirated a fishing junk was resumed at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan.

Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A. S. P., gave evidence of an identification parade held at the Cheung Chau Police Station in which the prisoner was picked out.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence, proceeded with his cross-examination of the witness, when his Lordship pointed out that it was clear that the prisoner could have been seen before he was brought out to be paraded. It seemed to him that the prisoner had not been fairly treated.

Mr. Alabaster gave an outline of the case for the defence. He said prisoner owned two boats and was engaged in the salt fish trade for many years. On the day of the alleged piracy, prisoner was in one of his boats with two *fokis*, one of whom was introduced to prisoner by the complainant.

On March 5th, Ho Fu, with his *fokis*, met complainant and his *fokis* in another boat. No fighting took place, but complainant suggested to prisoner that if they were to take their fish together to Ha Chak, they could obtain a better price for them.

Nasty Shock For Ho Fu!

Prisoner accordingly sent one of his boats and two *fokis* with the complainant. He remained at Tong Ha for the purpose of settling accounts and did not know what happened to his two *fokis*, his boat or his cargo of fish. He went back to Macao and saw complainant. He did not suspect anything was wrong and, naturally enough, asked for the whereabouts of his junk and his *fokis*. Complainant replied that the matter could not be settled there and suggested that they went to the Volunteer Scouts' Headquarters to do so.

Arriving at the Scouts' Headquarters, complainant accused Ho Fu of having pirated his junk. Ho Fu was then chained up. The following day, the other boat belonging to prisoner also arrived at Macao when his four *fokis* on board were charged with taking part in the piracy.

The five of them were sent to Shekki for trial, where they were kept in a Chinese gaol for 19 months. During that period one of them died. They were released on bail after 19 months for want of prosecution, and, owing to the unsanitary condition of the gaol, two more men died shortly after their release. The last the prisoner heard of the other man was that he was very ill and was believed to have died. Ho Fu was apparently the sole survivor.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, prisoner said that $2,000 worth of fish taken from his boat by the complainant, Choy Kwai, was his own property.

Benefit Of The Doubt.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Alabaster drew attention to the conflict of evidence between the story for the Crown and that for the defence.

Dealing with the identification parade, Counsel said that if it was not a tragedy it might be described as a farce.

In reply, Mr. Fitzroy reminded the jury that five witnesses for the Crown had come forward to give evidence when they were not forced to do so, and there was no reason for them to come and tell a story that was not true.

His Lordship reminded the jury that it was always well, in cases where there was serious conflict of evidence, to start with facts that were most clear. The jury would agree that there had been hard lying either on one side or the other.

Touching upon the identification parade, his Lordship said that the jury need not pay any attention to that part of the evidence. In the first place it was obvious that it was not conducted in accordance with the rules, and secondly all the witnesses had said that they knew the prisoner. There were also opportunities of the prisoner being seen while in custody by witnesses before the parade took place. As far as the prosecution was concerned no importance could be paid to it.

The jury retired, and on returning brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON 350 METRES.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.
5.30-6.30 p.m. — Demonstration programme.
7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.
8 p.m. — Evening programme (Columbia Records).
10 p.m.—News bulletin.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

DEMANDING CASH WITH MENACES.

FIVE MEN ACCUSED AT KOWLOON.

COURT SPECTATOR ARRESTED AS ACCESSORY.

Lun Yun, a fireman of the Kowloon Fire Brigade and Wong Siu, Ho Yuet and Lai Yau, three carpenters, were before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy again yesterday on a charge of demanding money with menaces from Tse Chung, a tailor, at No. 382 Reclamation Street. Inspector Stimson prosecuted.

Complainant said that on January 19th, he lost a flannel jacket from his bathroom. He found two young boys nearby and had them arrested. He did not know what happened to them, after he had taken them to the Police Station, but they were later released.

The following day he received a visit from a number of men including the defendants, who accused him of having assaulted the two boys and demanded money for medicine. He refused and they came again the next day and threatened to thrash him if the money was not forthcoming. They told him to meet them in the Yee Chan teahouse, where they would discuss terms. Witness told the police of the threat and a Chinese detective named Leung accompanied him to the teahouse.

Inspector Stimson informed the Magistrate at this stage, that the detective had been sent to engage in conversation with the party until the arrival of the police. He was not to make any arrests, as the party were suspected to be an aggressive gang and would probably put up strong resistance.

Man In Court Denounced.

The Magistrate questioned the witness regarding a statement to the effect that "others" besides the four defendants in the dock had come to his shop. Witness was asked if any of the "others" were in Court, and he at once pointed to two men at the back of the Court. He was ordered to pick out the two men, but after leaving the witness box to do so said he could only find one. The other, he said, had bolted! The man in question was at once charged and placed alongside the four defendants already in the dock. He pleaded not guilty.

Continuing the witness said that on arriving at the teahouse with the detective all five defendants were seated at one of the tables. He was accosted by the first defendant who produced two pieces of paper which he claimed were prescriptions for medicine. One of the prescriptions, he said, cost $10 to make up, and the other $6. As he (witness) had assaulted the two boys he must pay $32, the price of making up the two prescriptions twice (with a cumshaw) for the two boys, or else he would not be allowed to go. If he did go without paying the money he would be thrashed. Witness alleged that all these statements were heard by the Chinese detective named Leung who was with him at the table, but who was unknown to the defendants.

No Reduction of Terms!

Witness said that he was afraid to go, and told the defendant that he could not pay so large a sum and asked for a reduction. The fourth defendant refused. By this time his brother, who was waiting for him to return to the shop, became anxious at his (witness's) absence, and informed the police who raided the teahouse and arrested the first defendant.

Three of the defendants had left the teahouse before the arrival of the police, and the fourth also managed to make good his escape. The other defendants were later arrested at a carpenter's shop.

In reply to the charges, two of the defendants claimed to be the fathers of the two boys and said that they only went to the complainant for an explanation of their boys' arrests.

The Magistrate decided to adjourn the hearing so as to have the two alleged prescriptions translated and certified, and allowed the two defendants who claimed to be the parents of the two boys bail of $50. The others were remanded in custody.

PHARAOH'S STATUE OF 5TH DYNASTY.

COLOSSAL GRANITE HEAD FOUND.

Cairo, December 19th.—A remarkable discovery has been made at Sakkara, near the pyramid of King Pepi II., by the Department of Antiquities.

A *communiqué* on the subject records the finding of the red-granite head of a colossal statue of a king of the Fifth Dynasty, probably Userkaf, the first Pharaoh of the Fifth Dynasty.

The head is in excellent preservation, and is in the finest style of the old kingdom. It is the only colossal head, except the Sphinx, known from the old kingdom. Royal statues of the Fifth Dynasty are practically unknown.

WILLIAM HEUGHAN.

ANOTHER FINE HOUSE.

Mr. William Heughan was in very fine voice last night at his second concert at the Theatre Royal. The programme given by this most talented singer—in the real troubadour tradition—with Miss Maud Bell ('cellist) and Miss Sayer (pianist), his two able assistants, was greatly appreciated by the audience.

His programme was:—

1. Sarabande ..... Croft Craxton.
2. Minuet ..... Beethoven.
   (Maud Bell, 'Cellist.)
3. Il Lacerato Spirito ..... Verdi.
4. Song of the Viking Guest ..... Rimsky-Korsakow.
5. Kirkconnel Lea ..... Moffat.
6. Sound the Pibroch .... Moffat.
7. The Song of the Flea ..... Moussorgsky.
8. Because I were shy ..... Lyall Johnston.
   (William Heughan.)
9. Elegie ..... Fauré.
10. Lullaby ..... Cyril Scott
11. Butterflies .... Hamilton Harty.
    (Maud Bell.)
12. The Song of the Volga Boatman ..... Chaliapin-Koeneman.
13. John Peel ..... Sayer.
14. The Barrin' o' the Door ..... Sayer.
15. Two Grenadiers ... Schumann.
16. The Road to the Isles ..... Kennedy-Fraser.
    (William Heughan.)
17. Waltz in A flat major...Brahms.
18. Norwegian Bridal Procession ..... Greig.
    (Miss Gladys Sayer.)
19. Nocturne ..... Trowell.
20. Londonderry—An old Irish air ..... Grainger
21. Liebesfreud ..... Kreisler.
22. An old Scottish Melody.
    (Maud Bell.)
23. The Mountains of Mourne ..... Collisson
24. Widdicombe Fair ..... Sayer.
25. The March of the Cameron Men ..... Moffat.

EX-CRIMINAL LOVED BY A BABY.

WIFE'S PLEA FOR A "CHANCE" SUCCEEDS.

A dramatic scene occurred at Marylebone Police Court, when a young wife with long curly hair pleaded to the magistrate for leniency for her husband, an ex-Borstal inmate, stated by the police to have a "terrible record for a young man," who was accused of theft.

"Cannot you keep your husband straight?" asked Mr. Bingley, the magistrate.

The wife burst into tears.

"I will, sir," she replied.

She then buried her face in her hands, and sobbed that the baby was breaking its heart.

"My husband will not do it again," she pleaded. "I will watch him. It is really my fault that he is here. I worried him for things. I wanted a new coat for Christmas. Do give him a chance, sir. Baby is crying for his daddy, and I cannot comfort him. He is only two."

Good Character.

Mr. Bingley said that the husband's employer gave him a good character, and he was prepared to give him another chance, in spite of his previous record. He remanded the man on bail for three months to see how he behaved himself.

"Have you got off?" sobbed the wife.

The husband: Yes.

The wife heaved a sigh of relief, and placed her hand on her heart.

The man, Leonard Headley, aged twenty-seven, a baker, of Frencliffe-road, Dalston, pleaded guilty to stealing a presentation clock, valued at £18. He produced a reference from his employers, which stated: "He is an extremely valuable workman, most obliging, clean, and a good timekeeper."

"BLACK ART" IN SOUTH INDIA.

CHILD'S DEATH FOLLOWS "MAGICIAN'S" TREATMENT.

Trivandrum, December 22nd.—A story of the practice of "black art"—in this particular case it proved fatal—comes from Parur (North Travancore). Some people in that locality believe that illness in children is sometimes caused by certain birds flying over them and casting an evil eye on them. A child who was believed to have been afflicted in this manner was taken by his parents for treatment to an Ezhava, who posed as an expert in "black art" and promised to heal the child. The Ezhava, after performing various antics and muttering mantras, asked the parents to place the sick child by the fire. He then sent them to do some other work elsewhere. It is said that the "magician" then made a metal bowl red-hot and placed this in several places all over the child's body, blistering it in a fearful manner. Later the parents returned and were horrified to find their child almost dead. They took him to a hospital, where he died shortly after. The "magician" has been arrested.

DEAD MOTORIST: EMPTY CAR.

TRAGEDY AFTER DRIVE WITH A WOMAN.

STORY OF ATTACK.

Kingston-on-Thames, Dec. 28th.—The discovery early to-day of the body of Reginald Stewart Rogers, aged twenty-five, of Addison Road, Teddington, after a night drive with a young woman friend who has made a serious charge against him, is engaging the attention of the police here and at Scotland Yard.

Rogers was invited to tea at the home in Courtlands Avenue, Hampton, of Miss Farrow. In the evening he and Miss Farrow went out together in a motor-car belonging to Miss Farrow's father.

Distressed.

The young woman was later found crying and in a distressed condition in the Kingston by-pass road, and was taken home by a passer-by. There she made a statement to her father, and showed him some marks on her throat.

Mr. Farrow informed the police, and a search of the Kingston by-pass road followed. The motor-car was found abandoned, but Rogers was missing.

At nine o'clock this morning a road-man going to work discovered Rogers lying in the mud face downwards, in Old Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton. His hands were tightly clenched, and he had been dead for some hours.

The cause of death could not be ascertained by Dr. Senior, the Ditton police divisional surgeon, and a post mortem examination will be made.

It was thought that Rogers had committed suicide, but no trace of poison was found, with the exception of a small piece of glass and cotton wool which smelt of camphor.

Rogers and Miss Farrow had been on good terms for some time. Miss Farrow made a statement to the police to-day.

SCOTLAND YARD'S NEW MOVE.

DETAILED STORY ISSUED TO THE PRESS.

An unusual feature of the case was the issue by Scotland Yard of a remarkably full and detailed statement for publication by the Press—a new development possibly connected with the reorganisation of police publicity arrangements foreshadowed by the *Daily Express*.

The statement is as follows:—

"At 9 a.m., December 27th, 1928, the dead body of Reginald Stewart Rogers, aged twenty-five, of Addison Road, Teddington, a motor mechanic, was found in Old Claygate Lane, Thames Ditton. The body now lies in Thames Ditton Mortuary.

"Soon after 8 p.m., December 26th, 1928, the deceased, while in a motor-car near to where his body was found, assaulted Miss Cecilia Alice Farrow, of Tynron, Courtlands Avenue, Hampton, aged twenty-eight, a secretary.

"White Substance."

"He caught hold of her neck with both hands and attempted to strangle her. She lost consciousness, and when she recovered he gave her some white substance to suck at the same time placing a similar substance in his own mouth. The substance tasted bitter.

"Miss Farrow threw it out of the window of the car, and ran screaming into the Kingston by-pass road, from where she was taken home to her parents by Mr. C. Johnson, of Garratt Lane, Tooting.

"Near the body was found a small piece of white substance, and on the running board of the car a large piece was found. A statement was taken from Miss Farrow, who is not in any immediate danger, but is confined to bed."

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1929. [7283

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th January, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

19th January, 1929. [7266

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KASHGAR."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 19TH JANUARY, 1929.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M., on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 8th February, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Jan., 1929. [7267

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM LEITH, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENALDER."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., whence, and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th February, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd instant, at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 17th Jan., 1929. [7251

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Goods not cleared by 23rd January, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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Hong Kong, 16th Jan., 1929. [7258

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Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents:
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 21st Jan., 1929. [7273

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All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Jan., 1929. [7268

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 22nd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	30.07	30.15	30.11
Temperature	70	58	67
Humidity ...	65	74	71
Wind—			
Direction	E	N	E
Force ...	3	1	4
Weather ...	C	C	B
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 21st: 70
Lowest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 58

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 23rd to 29th, 1929.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed.	23	m 9 4	4 2	m 2 22	0 9
		7 31 s	7 9	0 45 s	3 5
Thur.	24	m10 2	4 2	m 3 7	0 5
		8 19 s	8 2	1 24 s	3 4
Fri.	25	m10 51	4 2	m 3 51	0 2
		9 8 s	8 3	2 24 s	3 3
Sat.	26	m11 32	4 3	m 4 33	0 2
		9 56 s	8 1	3 18 s	3 2
Sun.	27	0 10 s	4 3	m 5 14	0 4
		10 45 s	7 7	4 1 s	3 1
Mon.	28	0 47 s	4 4	m 5 54	0 8
		11 33 s	7 2	4 56 s	3 0
Tues.	29			m 6 35	1 2
		1 25 s	4 5	5 42 s	3 2

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Swatow & Shanghai ...	"LINAN"	On	24th Jan.,	8 a.m.
Swatow & Singapore ...	"KWANGTUNG"	On	25th Jan.,	11 a.m.
Shanghai, Weihaiwei & Dalny...	"LUCHOW" ...	On	26th Jan.,	5 p.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore ...	"ANKING" ...	On	26th Jan.,	6 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SUIYANG"	On	27th Jan.,	8 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KWANGCHOW"	On	27th Jan.,	11 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SHANTUNG"	On	29th Jan.,	3 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong ...	"TEAN" ...	On	30th Jan.,	10 a.m.
Shanghai ...	"HUPEH" ...	On	30th Jan.,	3 p.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"CHENAN" ...	On	31st Jan.,	8 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore ...	"ANHUI"	On	2nd Feb.,	6 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SZECHUEN"	On	3rd Feb.,	8 a.m.
Shanghai & Dalny ...	"LIANGCHOW"	On	3rd Feb.,	8 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KALGAN" ...	On	3rd Feb.,	11 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin ...	"HUICHOW"	On	7th Feb.,	4 p.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin ...	"KUEICHOW"	On	19th Feb.,	4 p.m.

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PORTHOS ...	... 9th Apr.
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

January 21st.

Huong Hoi, French str., 603 tons, Capt. P. Luigi, from Fort Bayard, with 300 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Hoi Hing Cheung.

January 22nd.

Aki Maru, Japanese str., 3,671 tons, Capt. M. Matsuda, from Nagasaki, which port she left on January 18th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. J. B. Bruce, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,292 tons, Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. G. de Souza, from Kwang Chow Wan, with 15 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Man Yick.

Thalatta, Norwegian str., 3,492 tons, Capt. D. Arusen, from Aden, which port she left on January 1st, with 1,475 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—Thoresen & Co.

Tin Sze, Portuguese str., 250 tons, Capt. G. Adesonza, from Kwang Chow, wan, with 15 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Sai On Co.

Yuijun Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. R. Taketoni, from Dairen, which port she left on January 18th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—M.B.K.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Aki Maru from Japan:—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wong, Mr. S. K. Wong, the Misses Wong and Master Wong, Miss L. F. Busecke, Mr. A. Farmer, Mr. K. Fujiyama, Mr. A. Grant, Mr. R. E. Hill, Mr. K. Isobe, Mr. C. Johnson, Mrs. S. Watanabe, Mr. J. K. White, Mr. V. Conde, Master T. Inoue, Miss T. Macklin, Mr. S. Nagaue, Miss S. Nagaue, Mr. Z. P. Palacios, Mr. P. Rosario, Master N. Ukai, and Mr. C. Upshaw.

Departures.

The following first class passengers left by the s.s. President Jefferson for Seattle yesterday:—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burnham, Mr. B. L. Cheetham, Mr. M. Church, Mr. G. Miura, Mr. G. M. Neal, Mr. C. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballantyne and Master Ballantyne, Mr. Choy Ching Cheung, Mrs. Goo Shee, Mr. V. Coin, Mr. I. Delburgo, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Mrs. Jong Yue Tee, Mrs. I. S. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. F. Newins, Mr. T. Takahashi, Mr. G. Schultz, Mr. D. C. Yang, Mr. A. B. Tyrrell, Mr. T. R. Scanlon, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok On, Mr. Chang Hai Feng, Mr. Chu Yow Sing, Miss F. Steigerwald, Capt. G. M. Moffatt, Mrs. Milda Scholz, Mr. J. Semer, Mrs. F. A. Sharman, Mr. M. W. Vaughan, Mrs. V. Warren, Mr. M. D. Avon, Mr. A. Passumal, Mr. Y. C. Woo, Mr. and Mrs. Tsang, Mr. R. E. Delay, Mr. R. M. Milne, Mr. E. J. Wentz, Mrs. A. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mann, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Steigerwald.

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CLEARANCES.

January 22nd.

Aki Maru, for Manila.
Chekiang, for Canton.
Empress of Asia, for Shanghai.
Escondido, for Bangkok.
Hai Yang, for Swatow.
Hanoi, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Hsin Foo Sing, for Hoihow.
Knut Hamsun, for Pakhoi.
Salsnas, for Tarakan.
Salem, for Canton.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Sunning, for Amoy.
Tenyo Maru, for Shanghai.
Tin Sze, for Wuchow.
Welfred, for Canton.

DODWELL-CASTLE LINE.

News from Manila states that the motor-ship Muncaster Castle, of the Dodwell-Castle Line, arrived at that port at midnight on January 16th, having made the voyage from New York in 38 days. The vessel called at Norfolk, Panama, and San Pedro, covering approximately 11,770 miles at an average speed of 14 knots. The Muncaster Castle is due in Hong Kong on February 3rd from Shanghai, and will sail on the return voyage to New York, *via* Suez Canal, on February 8th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	7.05 a.m.	6.05 p.m.
To-morrow	7.05 ,,	6.06 ,,
Friday	7.04 ,,	6.07 ,,

The following passengers left yesterday by the s.s. Fushimi Maru for Japan *viâ* Shanghai:—Mr. K. Kakinuma, Mr. M. Tozuka, Mr. A. McGlashan, Miss P. O. Jones, Mr. H. P. White, Mrs. K. Abe, Mrs. E. Blatchford, Mr. H. Stuart, Mr. S. Nakazato, Miss K. G. Mayne, Mr. T. Iguchi, Mr. M. Takagi, Mr. T. Omori, Dr. E. D. Roberts, Mr. S. Kawashima, Mr. T. Unno, Mr. and Mrs. Tidswell, Miss M. S. Tidswell, Mr. H. P. Hughes, Mrs. M. E. Drussel, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hosoya, Mr. R. Matsumoto, Mr. B. Goldman, Mr. C. A. Tabber, Mr. M. Hayashi, Mr. K. Maki, Lieut.-Col. E. Gilbert, Mr. H. W. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bagger, Mr. P. H. Culpin, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Melchers, Mrs. R. Janis, Miss M. Janis, Mr. R. Janis, Master R. F. Janis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kunabe and four children, Miss C. Yoshihara, Mrs. P. Kim, Mrs. E. L. Rocha and six children, Mr. Y. Ichimura, Mr. M. Yamasaki, Mr. K. Kashiwake, Mr. Y. Abe, Rev. S. Fukushima, Mr. Chu Hsu Yu, Mr. T. Onda, Mr. S. Onda, Mr. K. Takahata, and Miss E. Drussel.

The following passengers are due to leave to-day by the s.s. Aki Maru, for Manila and Australian ports:—Miss M. S. Lake, Mr. G. Conder Chet, Mr. B. Asakura, Mr. K. Graae, Mr. K. Fujiyama, Mr. Johnson, Mr. S. Ogata, Mr. K. Maejima, Mrs. S. Watanabe, Mr. K. Isobe, Mr. Grant, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Hill, Mr. J. C. McGlade, Mr. Green, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Palaui, Mr. S. Abe, and Mr. While.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Messageries Maritimes.

General Metzinger, Jan. 27th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 29th.
Compiegne, Feb. 12th.
Sphinx, Feb. 12th.
Andre Lebon, Feb. 26th.
Porthos, March 12th.
Chenonceaux, March 26th.
Athos II., April 9th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Durban Maru, to-morrow.
Kashima Maru, Jan. 25th.
Tatsuno Maru, Jan. 26th.
Bingo Maru, Jan. 27th.
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 27th.
Tottori Maru, Jan. 27th.
Bengal Maru, Jan. 29th.
Ceylon Maru, Jan. 29th.
Koyei Maru, Jan. 30th.
Anyo Maru, Jan. 31st.
Muroran Maru, Jan. 30th.
Atago Maru, Feb. 1st.
Hakozaki Maru, Feb. 3rd.
Korea Maru, Feb. 4th.
Morioka Maru, Feb. 4th.
Tajima Maru, Feb. 5th.
Hakone Maru, Feb. 8th.
Kuma Maru, Feb. 8th.
Malacca Maru, Feb. 8th.
Tamba Maru, Feb. 10th.
Siberia Maru, Feb. 11th.
Sado Maru, Feb. 14th.
Hakusan Maru, Feb. 17th.
Kanagawa Maru, Feb. 18th.
Shinyo Maru, Feb. 18th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Remscheid, to-day.
Derfflinger, Feb. 10th.
Goettingen, Feb. 28th.
Saarbruecken, March 13th.
Trave, March 28th.
Coblenz, April 10th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Padua, Jan. 23th.
Alipore, Jan. 31st.
Macedonia, Feb. 1st.
Moren, Feb. 2nd.
Kidderpore, Feb. 7th.
Khiva, Feb. 15th.
Kashgar, Feb. 16th.
Malwa, March 1st.
Nagpore, March 3rd.
Khyber, March 7th.
Naldera, March 15th.
Karmala, March 21st.
Lahore, March 24th.
Mantua, March 28th.
Jeypore, April 11th.
Kashmir, April 11th.

Prince Line.

Javanese Prince, Jan. 26th.
Japanese Prince, Feb. 21st.

Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.M.).

Van Heutsz, to-day.

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Nippon, Jan. 31st.
Ceylon, Feb. 4th.

Wilh. Wilhelmsen, Oslo. Norwegian Africa and Australia Line.

Tennessee, Jan. 30th.
Taifun, Feb. 28th.
Teneriffa, March 26th.

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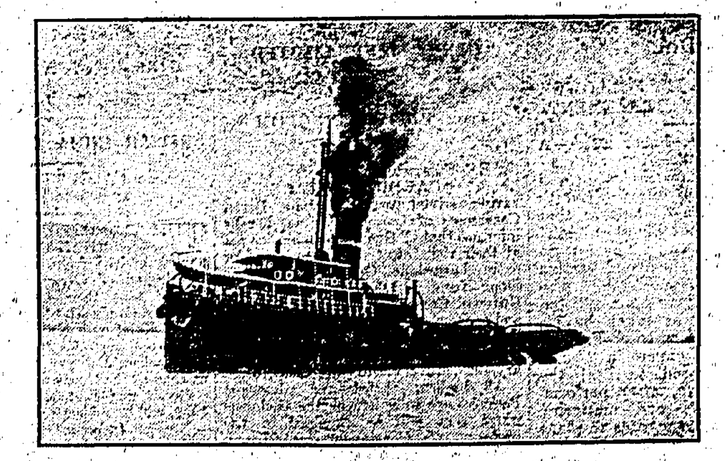

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	"KWONGSANG"	Sun., 3rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 6th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via KEELUNG, SHANGHAI & MOJI ...	"HOSANG"	Sun., 3rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE ...	"NAMSANG"	Fri., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Sun., 24th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"SUISANG"	Satur., 26th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"POOKSANG"	Satur., 2nd Feb., at 1 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Satur., 9th Feb., at Noon
	"HINSANG"	Wed., 20th Feb., at Noon
CANTON ...	"HANGSANG"	Wed., 23rd Jan., at 5 p.m.

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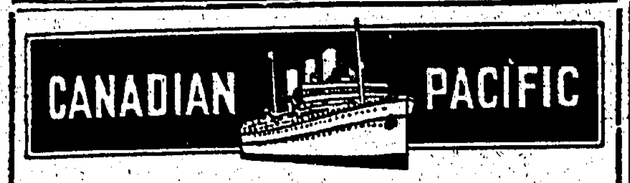

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Steamers.	Hong Kong Leave	S'hai. Leave	Kobe Leave	Y'hama. Leave	V'couver Arrive.
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	...Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	..Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPRESS OF ASIA	..Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	...Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	...June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 13
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...July 10	July 12	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	...July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17

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† KOYEI MARU ... ... Thursday, 31st Jan.

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ANYO MARU ... ... Friday, 1st Feb.

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BINGO MARU ... ... Monday, 28th Jan.

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† TOTTORI MARU ... Monday, 28th Jan.
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

ONLY ONE BRITISH ARRIVAL.

HEAVY THROUGH FREIGHTS.

Of the fifteen arrivals and twenty-two departures shown for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, only one British arrival and eight departures were shown. The general cargo returns showed a big increase, especially the through cargo which averaged over 5,000 tons per vessel. There was no British through freight.

Thirteen vessels discharged 11,903 tons of general merchandise for this port to which the s.s. Wray Castle was the only British contributor. The two best returns were from the s.s. Wilfred (Norwegian) with 3,052 tons of coal and general cargo from Chinwangtao, and the s.s. Wray Castle (British) from New York and Shanghai with about 2,650 tons of case oil, and iron plates.

Seven foreign vessels carried a huge total of 36,647 tons of through freight. The two heaviest cargoes were carried by the s.s. Lahn (German) with 8,600 tons of general merchandise from Hamburg and Singapore, and the s.s. Fushimi Maru (Japanese) from Middlesborough and Singapore with 8,569 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	1	8
American	1	2
French	2	1
German	2	1
Norwegian	2	1
Japanese	3	4
Portuguese	1	0
Chinese	3	4
Dutch	0	1
Total	15	22

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Wray Castle (British) arrived from New York and Shanghai with 80,700 cases of oil, and 200 tons of iron plates for Hong Kong.

President Jefferson (American) arrived from Manila with 583 tons of tobacco, hemp, and drums for Hong Kong, and 1,943 tons of hemp, tobacco, copra meal and general merchandise for other ports.

Hanoi (French) arrived from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 750 tons of cement, rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Huong Hoi (French) arrived from Fort Bayard with 300 tons of general cargo for this port.

Lahn (German) arrived from Hamburg and Singapore with 539 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 8,800 tons for through ports.

Siam (Danish) arrived from Copenhagen and Shanghai with 7,172 tons of general cargo for other ports.

Thalatta (Norwegian) arrived from Oslo and Aden with 1,435 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 6,913 tons for other ports.

Wilfred (Norwegian) arrived from Chinwangtao with 3,052 tons of coal, coke and carsmic and glass for Hong Kong and 2,100 tons of coal and 50 tons of coke for other ports.

Aki Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Nagasaki with 577 tons of refined sugar, potatoes, beer, paper, dried fish, mushrooms for this port, and 1,200 tons of

(*Continued on next Column*).

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

ARMS SEIZED.

Nine Luger pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition were salved from the harbour bed near the buoy recently occupied by the s.s. Beuvrackie from which ship the contraband was alleged to have been dumped. The arms were taken to the Water Police Station by Revenue Officer Tallon, but no arrests have been made.

Taikoo Fatality.

Two Chinese workmen working on the s.s. Talthybuis at the Taikoo Docks, fell into the hold and were taken in a serious condition to the Government Civil Hospital. One of the men died at 2 a.m. yesterday morning, but the other is expected to recover.

Oil Fuel For Hong Kong.

The s.s. Wray Castle (British) which arrived here from New York and Shanghai carried 80,700 cases of oil fuel and 200 tons of iron plates for Hong Kong. The vessel is under command of Captain H. Layton and Messrs. Dodwell's are the local agents. She was the only British arrival yesterday.

Water Still Low At Kongmoon.

The masters of the Kongmoon river boats arriving here on Monday night report that the water in the West River is still very low. Great difficulty is experienced in approaching the wharves at that port, while others who are unable to berth are obliged to anchor in mid-stream.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Four vessels brought 302 Asiatic deck passengers to the port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Padua left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst. at 2 p.m., and is due here on the 28th inst., at about 6 a.m.

The B.I. s.s. Dalgoma will leave for Singapore at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday).

The Dollar round-the-world liner President Hayes is scheduled to leave Shanghai for Hong Kong to-day, and is due here at 7 a.m. on Saturday. She will sail on Sunday at 8 a.m. for Mediterranean ports and New York, *viâ* Manila, Straits, etc.

The American Mail Liner President Grant is due to leave Manila on Saturday at 4 p.m., and will arrive in Hong Kong on Monday, January 28th, at 7 a.m. This steamer will leave on Tuesday, January 29th, at noon, for San Francisco and Los Angeles, *viâ* Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu.

The Dollar liner President Lincoln arrived in Kobe yesterday and will leave for Shanghai to-day, arriving at that port on the 25th. This steamer will leave Shanghai on Saturday, and will arrive here on Monday afternoon, January 28th, sailing for Manila the following day at 6 p.m.

potatoes, cotton and silk goods and general merchandise for other ports.

Fushimi Maru (Japanese) arrived from Middlesborough and Singapore with 1,331 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 8,569 tons for other ports.

Sun Kong (Chinese) arrived from Kwong Chow Wan with 230 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Grant, Jan. 28th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changte, Feb. 4th.
Taiping, March 8th.

Bank Line.
City of Pekin, to-day.
Poleric, Feb. 1st.
Roseric, March 2nd.
City of Khartoum, Feb. 11th.
City of Guildford, March 3rd.
City of Delhi, March 11th.
City of Khios, March 31st.
City of Lincoln, April 28th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Aeneas, to-day.
Talthybius, to-morrow.
Dolius, Jan. 28th.
Keemun, Jan. 28th.
Calchas, Feb. 2nd.
Ixion, Feb. 5th.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Patroclus, Feb. 7th.
Autolycus, Feb. 8th.
Demodocus, Feb. 16th.
Bellerophon, Feb. 20th.
Sarpedon, Feb. 20th.
Euryades, Feb. 24th.
Troilus, Feb. 24th.
Tyndareus, Feb. 24th.
Menelaus, March 3rd.
Achilles, March 6th.
Agapenor, March 5th.
Antenor, March 7th.
Meriones, March 14th.
Protesilaus, March 19th.
Ajax, March 27th.
Oanfa, March 28th.
Diomed, March 31st.
Pyrrhus, April 2nd.
Hector, April 4th.
Laomedon, April 5th.
Asphalion, April 14th.
Eurypylus, April 20th.
Neleus, April 22nd.
Peleus, April 24th.
Dardanus, April 30th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takada, Jan. 29th.
Santhia, Jan. 30th.
Tilawa, Feb. 5th.
Talamba, Feb. 6th.
Takliwa, Feb. 10th.
Talma, Feb. 16th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Australia, Feb. 13th.

Dollar S.S. Line.
President Hayes, Jan. 26th.
President Lincoln, Jan. 28th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).
Java, Feb. 3rd.
Danmark, Feb. 10th.
Australien, Feb. 17th.
Chile, Feb. 23rd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
Arafura, Jan. 30th.
Tanda, Feb. 4th.
St. Albans, March 4th.

Glen Line.
Cardiganshire, to-morrow.
Glenshane, Feb. 9th.
Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.
Glengarry, Feb. 18th.
Glenapp, March 4th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie.
Havelland, to-morrow.
Saarland, Jan. 30th.
Havenstein, Feb. 6th.
Ermland, Feb. 19th.
Leverkusen, Feb. 28th.
Burgenland, March 16th.
Ruhr, April 2nd.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjileboet, to-day.
Tjisaroea, Jan. 26th.
Tjikarang, Jan. 28th.
Tjisalak, Jan. 28th.
Tjikini, Feb. 6th.
Tjisondari, Feb. 6th.
Tjitaroem, Feb. 11th.
Tjikembang, Feb. 18th.
Tjimanoek, Feb. 20th.

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"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, Casablanca, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
*"PADUA"	5,907	9th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., B'dm., H'bg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	16th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	do.
"NALDERA"	16,088	13th Apr.	B'bay., Mars., & London
"KARMALA"	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,945	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOREA"	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	20th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	31st Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	28th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,958	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
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"TAKLIWA"	7,836	12th Feb.	do.
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"TANDA"	6,956	1st Mar.	
*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd May	
"TANDA"	6,956	31st May	

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*"PADUA"	5,907	29th Jan., 6 a.m.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	31st Jan.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	8th Feb	Amoy, Moji, Kobe Y'hama & Osaka.
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th Feb.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"MALWA"	10,986	1st Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*"NAGPORE"	5,231	4th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
—	—	6th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KHYBER"	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
"NALDERA"	16,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTHIA"	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko. & Osaka.
*"LAHORE"	5,252	25th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	22nd Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	29th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji Kobe & Osaka
"MANTUA"	10,946	29th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	9th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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"KASHMIR"	8,985	12th Apr.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,953	26th Apr.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th May	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	7th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"RANPURA"	16,601	21st June	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
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From	Per	Due
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, 31st Dec., 1st & 2nd Jan.) ...	*Aeneas*	23rd Jan.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Suiyang* ...	23rd Jan.
Straits	*Van Heutsz* ...	23rd Jan.
Shanghai & Amoy	*Nowchwang*	24th Jan.
Japan & Shanghai	*Kashima Maru* ...	25th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Hayes* ...	26th Jan.
Saigon	*General Meisinger* ...	27th Jan.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 27th Dec. 1928 ...	*Padua*	28th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	28th Jan.
Japan & Shanghai	*D'Artagnan* ...	29th Jan.
Japan	*Anyo Maru* ...	31st Jan.
Australia & Manila	*Tanda*	4th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date & Time
		Wednesday, 23rd,
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th February	*Aki Maru* ...	8.30 A M
Fort Bayard, Haiphong & Haiphong ...	*Hanoi*	8.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 9th Feb., & Europe via Siberia	*Empress of Asia*	Reg. 9.15 A M Letters 10.00 A M
		Kowloon P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd February	*Aeneas*	Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai	*Yunnan*	1.30 P M
Swatow & Amoy	*Van Heutsz* ...	3.30 P M
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	*Deli Maru* ...	5.00 P M
Shanghai	*Cardiganshire* ...	6.00 P M
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., *C. & *S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 19th Feb.	*Talthybius*	Parcels 5.00 P M Tues., 24th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Thursday, 24th,
Straits	*Dalgonna*	12.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P M
		Friday, 25th,
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ...	1.00 P M
Swatow	*Yatshing*	5.00 P M
		Kowloon P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th February	*Kashima Maru*	Reg. 4.30 P M Let., 26th, 9.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg., 26th, 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
		Saturday, 26th,
Straits & Calcutta	*Sui Sang* ...	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Amoy	*Anking*	4.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Hayes* ...	5.00 P M
Shanghai, Dairy & Europe via Siberia ...	*Luchow*	6.00 P M
		Sunday, 27th,
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Hosan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kwangchow* ...	9.00 A M
		Monday, 28th,
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques & South Africa	*Bingo Maru* ...	2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America, & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th Feb., & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Grant* ...	Parcels 5.00 P M Tuesday, 29th, Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Tuesday, 29th,
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st March	*D'Artagnan* ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M

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Hong Kong, 8th Jan., 1929. [26

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Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30

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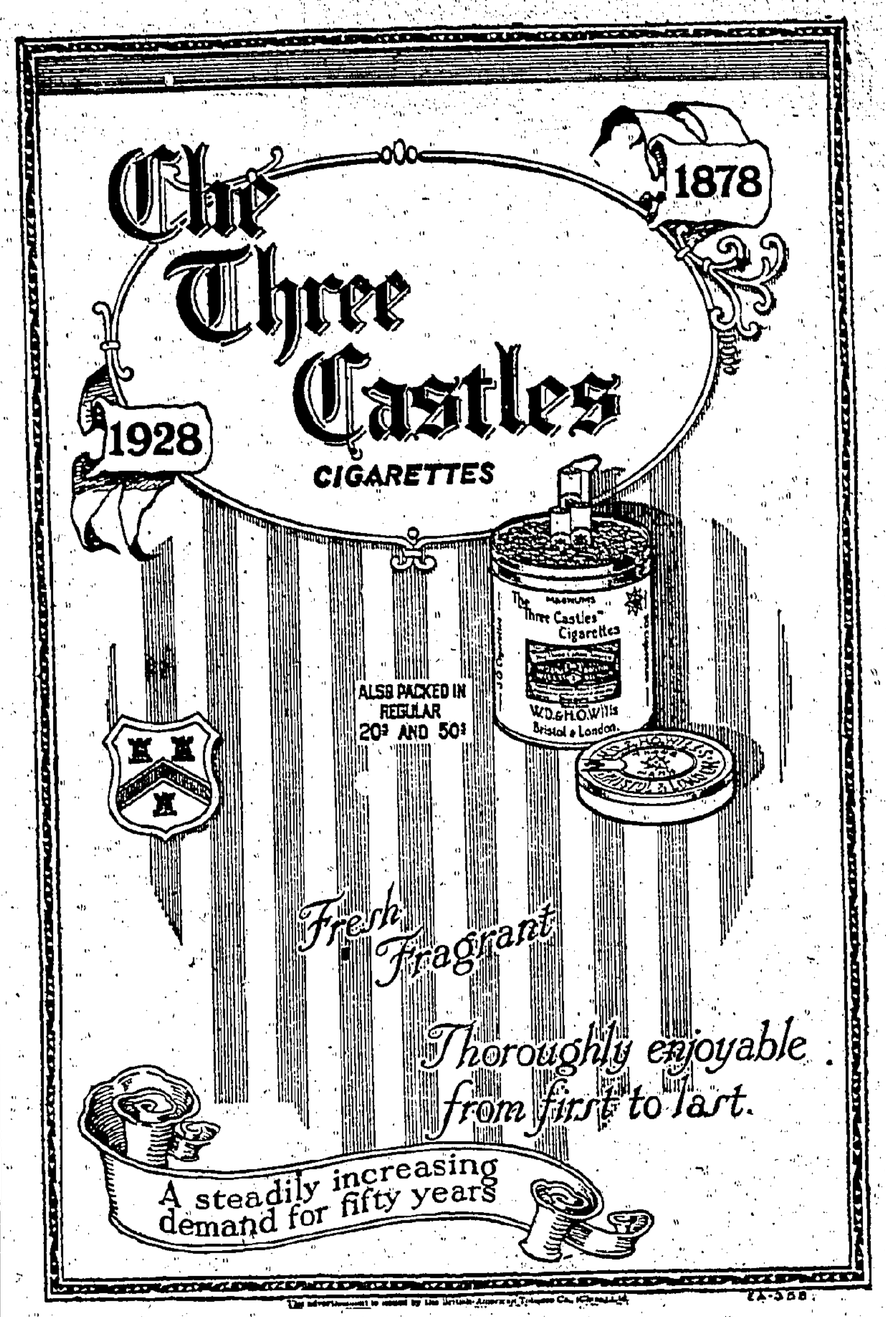

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